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Ken Kuespert, owner of TPC Technologies in Niles, helped set up the virtual streaming of the Berrien County Youth Fair showcase this year, allowing people to watch exhibitors despite the fair being closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A virtual hobby

Kuespert behind the streaming of youth fair, graduation ceremonies

Q&A
Ken Kuespert

NILES — Ken Kuespert has a passion for technology.

The owner of TPC Technologies has had plenty of work to do as Berrien County businesses and employees have had to adjust to a new way of life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to new challenges at work, the 58-year-old helped make the Berrien County Youth Fair's showcase available to the usual fairgoer through the click of a mouse.

Kuespert, along with other fair volunteers, set up a series of cameras to live stream all fair exhibitors and competitions online since only a handful of people were allowed on the fairgrounds at one time.

The South Bend native, who is now a Niles resident, specialized in controls engineering before focusing on his technology business full-time.

Kuespert sat down with Staff Writer Tony Wittkowski to talk about his business and affiliation with the fair.

What kind of work do you do?

I'm a systems contractor who designs and builds sound, lighting and video systems for churches, schools and commercial businesses. The other side of our company is we provide sound lighting and video for events like concerts and movies.

How did you start your business?

Through high school and college, sound and video was a hobby for me. I continued that hobby through my previous job in engineering. I was looking for a change and now that hobby is a full-time gig.

How long have you been doing this for?

I started it in 1985 on a full-time basis. It was on the side throughout school and I still did it for 11 years while I was at my other job.

I understand you helped people see the youth fair's unique showcase this year in spite of the pandemic. How did that come about?

With the whole pandemic happening, our event side came to a screeching halt. No shows were happening. We reverse-engineered the production side to keep things going. Video streaming has been something we've always done a little of here and there.

Before the fair, we did several drive-in graduations and drive-in funerals, where we would do streaming and video feeds on big screens. When the fair came around, we couldn't have too many people on the fairgrounds, but an exhibitor's grandma and grandpa would still want to see things. Both my girls were showing, so I thought why not stream these events.

We discussed how to best do it. We had several streaming systems running at a time.

What kind of feedback did you get from it?

A lot of people liked it. You got people watching who were out of town or would never come to the fair.

I remember four years ago we streamed St. Joseph High School's graduation at the pavilion. They were redoing the turf on their football field and the pavilion didn't have enough seating capacity. We did a multi-camera stream and the amount of people who were able to watch it from afar was surprising.

How many people watched the showcase virtually?

I don't have any metrics on the fair or where they were from. But talking to some of the (equestrian) people, they loved being able to tune in. It might be something we do permanently down the road.

I know you've done graduation ceremonies in the past, but what has it been like this year?

They were all some form of a drive-in graduation ceremony. Some high school's even had some administration officials reading their names from a stage and handing the diploma to them at the car. We had some where students would stand six feet apart, no contact, no hugging. There was an admin person who set the diploma on the table and the student picked it up and walked off the stage.

We would play video back from speakers who couldn't be there in pre-recorded announcements.

What kind of work have you done for the fair in previous years?

I started volunteering at the fair about six years ago, helping out with their sound system and public address system. During the fair, we could have up to 10 different

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State House candidates raise about $86,000 post-primary

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

The eight candidates running for state representative in Southwest Michigan raised more than $86,000 from July 20 to Aug. 24.

Their post-primary campaign finance reports were due to the state Sept. 3. The next reports are due Oct. 23. All reports are available to read by going to www.michigan.gov/sos and clicking on campaign finance under the elections tab.

79th state House

Republican State Rep. Pauline Wendzel, running for reelection, raised $23,925 during the period.

Her biggest contributions during this time were $5,000 from the Wentworth Majority Fund (an independent Michigan leadership PAC) and $2,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $106,650.

During the report time period she spent $10,632. Her biggest expenditures were for mailers, postcards and advertising.

On hand, at the end of the reporting period, she had $75,565.

Democratic candidate Chokwe Pitchford, challenging Wendzel for her seat, raised $18,068.

His biggest contributions during this time were $5,500 from the Future Now Fund PAC (a progressive PAC and advocacy group) and $2,000 from the Berrien County Democratic Party.

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $55,580.

He spent $12,299 during this reporting period. His biggest expenditures were payroll for an accountant, filming of an advertisement and yard sign printing.

On hand, at the end of the reporting period, he had $30,071.

78th state House

Republican State Rep. Brad Paquette, running for reelection, raised $900 during this period.

His biggest contributions during this time were $250 from the Great Lakes Education Project, $250 from the Michigan Farm Bureau PAC and $250 from the Michigan Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus.

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $22,654.

During this reporting period, he spent $861. His biggest expenditures were for digital note and record-keeper, filming and Lincoln Day ad and dinner.

He had $6,930 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

Democrat Dan Vanden-Heede, challenging Paquette for his seat, raised $6,050.

His biggest contributions during this time were $2,000 from Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 357 and $1,00 from James Leep.

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $17,841.

He spent $2,227 during this reporting period. His biggest expenditures were for signs, t-shirts and campaign manager.

On hand at the end of the reporting period, he had $13,893.

66th state House

Republican State Rep. Beth Griffin, running for reelection, raised $6,670 during this period.

Her biggest direct contributions during this time were $1,500 from Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers and $1,350 from Realtors PAC.

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $92,053.

She spent $1,555 during this reporting period. Her biggest expenditures were for email appending, advertising and supplies.

She had $67,013 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

Democrat Abigail Wheeler, challenging Griffin for her seat, raised $19,438.

Her biggest contributions during this time were $6,000 from the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and $2,000 from Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 357.

She's raised $49,755 so far this campaign cycle.

During this reporting period, she spent $5,504. Her biggest expenditures were for staff salaries and polling.

On hand at the end of the reporting period, she had $36,001.

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Virus job losses hit Michigan developmentally disabled hard

DETROIT (AP) — People with developmental disabilities in Michigan have been struggling to get and keep jobs after losing them during the coronavirus pandemic.

Brent Mikulski, who heads Dearborn Heights-based Services To Enhance Potential, or STEP, said only 20 of the 200 people that the nonprofit placed in jobs last year were able to keep their jobs when businesses were forced to close because of the pandemic.

"We had businesses that were sincere in their interest in working to hire individuals. We were in the process of placing somebody there. They were forced to shut and lay off staff, shutter staff that used to be working. Our folks were part of that layoff," Mikulski said.

Despite that, the nonprofit said it has been able to secure jobs for it's clients at 14 different companies since March, The Detroit News reported.

"We've shifted what they're interested in, qualified for," Mikulski said. "It's picking up. As businesses continue to look for staff I think we're going to be in a good position to help those folks."

Before to the pandemic, 81 percent of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities were unemployed in Michigan, compared to 9 percent of individuals without disabilities, according to figures by Michigan Developmental Disabilities Network in 2014.

Laquita Parker, 46, is a STEP client who has been able to keep working during the pandemic. She was part of an internship program with StoneCrest Center in Detroit until she took a permanent job there as a dietary aid.

"I like the atmosphere," Parker said. "I like the people there. I like the work that I do at StoneCrest."

There are four other STEP clients working as dietary aides at StoneCrest.

"It's working well with them," said Bryan Henderson, food service director at StoneCrest. "There was a time when we lost a lot of people during COVID, and before that we were working shorthand. Our STEP people really were the backbone for us and kept us in the game."

Peter Yezback, another STEP client, lost his job when the pandemic hit. The 65-year-old had a job collecting trash at Fox Run retirement community.

Yezback hopes to return back to work. He said he feels good when he works and he likes to "keep my hands going."

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Trump, Biden spar over economy, workers in Labor Day blitz

By NOREEN NASIR, ALEXANDRA JAFFE and KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and President Donald Trump spent Monday diminishing each other's credentials on the economy and understanding of the American worker as the presidential campaign entered its final, post-Labor Day stretch.

While workers live by an "American code," Biden said Trump "lives by a code of lies, greed and selfishness" as he met with labor leaders in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a key swing state. Trump, meanwhile, tried to put the halting economic recovery under the best light in a White House press conference where he said Biden and his running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, would "destroy this country and would destroy this economy."

Labor Day typically marks the unofficial start to the fall campaign season as candidates accelerate their activity for the final sprint to Election Day. Both campaigns reflected that urgency Monday, as Harris and Vice President Mike Pence each campaigned in Wisconsin, a state Trump narrowly won in 2016. The events played out against the background of the pandemic, which has upended campaigning and pushed Biden and Harris in particular to conduct much of the traditional election activity online.

While the health of the American economy and status of workers were dominant Labor Day themes, both campaigns also focused on recent protests that have roiled Wisconsin and the rest of the nation after police shot Jacob Blake, a Black man, in Kenosha last month.

Harris, the first Black woman on a major party presidential ticket, met privately with Blake's family at the Milwaukee airport after arriving in the state, where she spoke with Blake by phone from his hospital bed. Harris told Blake she was proud of him and individually spoke to each of his family members, in person and on the phone, urging them to take care of their physical and mental health, Blake's lawyers said in a statement.

Biden met with Blake's family during a visit to Wisconsin last week. Trump did not during a trip of his own last week, instead meeting with law enforcement and business owners whose property had been damaged during protests. Nor did Pence, who touched on the protests during a speech in La Crosse, where he toured an energy facility.

"We will have law and order in every city in this country for every American of every race and creed," Pence said.

Out on the trail, signs of the pandemic were evident. While Pence didn't speak with a mask on, workers from the power company he toured did as they stood behind him.

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Monday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
2-2-1
Midday Daily 4
4-3-3-2
Daily 3
3-1-8
Daily 4
9-3-6-1
Fantasy 5
14-16-20-27-35
Keno
03-04-06-07-11-13-20-27-35-36-39-48-50-58-66-67-72-73-75-77-78-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$97 million
Powerball jackpot
$66 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
08-22-38-39-43
Cash4Life
10-17-31-35-51, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
04-14-19-20-26-27-37-43-45-47-52-53-55-60-67-71-72-77-78-80, BE: 67
Daily Three-Midday
1-2-7, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
2-3-0, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
3-2-3-8, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
6-1-9-6, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
04-09-11-13-15-24-28-29-31-37-38-45-49-53-56-57-62-78-79-80, BE: 80

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
17-37-38-39-44
Pick Three-Midday
3-6-5, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
2-4-2, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
6-7-1-5, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
5-5-8-7, Fireball: 9
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Vote-by-mail ballots are shown in sorting trays at the King County Elections headquarters in Renton, Wash., south of Seattle on Aug. 5. In every U.S. presidential election, thousands of ballots are rejected and never counted. They may have arrived after Election Day or were missing a voter's signature. That number will be far higher this year as the coronavirus pandemic forces tens of millions of Americans to vote by mail for the first time.

In battlegrounds, absentee ballot rejections could triple

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY and FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Thousands of absentee ballots get rejected in every presidential election. This year, that problem could be much worse and potentially pivotal in hotly contested battleground states.

With the coronavirus creating a surge in mail-in balloting and postal delays reported across the country, the number of rejected ballots in November is projected to be significantly higher than previous elections.

If ballots are rejected at the same rate as during this year's primaries, up to three times as many voters in November could be disenfranchised in key battleground states when compared to the last presidential election, according to an Associated Press analysis of rejected ballots. It could be even more pronounced in some urban areas where Democratic votes are concentrated and ballot rejection rates trended higher during this year's primaries.

"It is the number one thing that keeps me up at night – the idea that voters will do everything they can to ensure their ballot is returned on time and the system will still fail them," said Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson.

Ballot rejections occur even under the best of circumstances. They go uncounted because they arrived too late in the mail, voters forgot to sign them or signatures didn't match the one on file at local election offices.

Those problems could be compounded this year as millions of voters cast mail-in ballots for the first time because of election changes forced by the coronavirus. Large numbers of uncounted ballots could be used to sow doubts about the election; President Donald Trump has been claiming for months without evidence that widespread mail-in voting will lead to fraud.

The sudden leap is worrisome: 22 states are going from absentee ballots comprising less than 10 percent of all ballots four years ago to perhaps half or more this November. Pennsylvania is among them: Nearly 51 percent of all votes cast during its June primary were mail-in.

If voter turnout is the same as 2016 and the ballot rejection rate equals the 1.4 percent from this year's primary, nearly 43,000 voters in Pennsylvania could be disenfranchised this fall, according to AP's analysis. That's almost the same number of votes by which Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton in the state four years ago, when some 2,100 ballots were rejected.

In Philadelphia, a far higher percentage of absentee ballots cast in June were rejected – 3.9 percent. Most of those arrived too late to be counted, even though Gov. Tom Wolf extended the deadline by a week.

Amy Campbell, a 26-year-old University of Pennsylvania medical student, had her ballot rejected for another reason: a missing signature.

Campbell is upset she didn't have a chance to fix her ballot. She received an email two days after the vote count ended telling her officials "couldn't obtain (her) required signature."

"The first communication I got from the state was basically to tell me that my ballot had been canceled," Campbell said.

Philadelphia Board of Elections spokesman Nick Custodio said that's not supposed to happen, but couldn't explain why it did.

Vote-by-mail rejections could be of special concern to Democrats, who have seen a surge in absentee ballot applications this year. In Pennsylvania, for example, more than twice as many Democrats as Republicans voted by mail in the June primary.

Only 21 states have defined procedures for notifying voters if absentee ballots are rejected so they have a chance to fix it.

For its analysis, the AP also collected absentee ballot data from Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Based on the percentage of those ballots cast in each state's primary this year, between 185,000 and 292,000 voters in the seven states examined could be disenfranchised if November's turnout matches that of four years ago and the rejection rate remains flat. That compares to nearly 87,000 ballots rejected in those states in 2016.

The ballot rejections could be pivotal in close races. In 2016, Trump won Wisconsin by roughly 23,000 votes.

Reasons for rejection can vary. In a few states, a witness or notary must sign the ballot envelope for the ballot to be valid. Where ballots received after Election Day are counted, a legible postmark from that day is generally required.

"There could be a lot of people who are voting this way for the first time, and they tend to make the errors that lead to lost votes," said Larry Norden, an elections expert with the Brennan Center for Justice.

New, young, Black and Hispanic voters – who tend to favor Democratic candidates – are disproportionately affected, according to research by University of Florida political scientist Daniel Smith. All have had absentee ballots rejected at higher rates than white and more experienced mail-in voters.

Being able to notify voters of problems in time to fix them will be difficult enough for understaffed election offices. It doesn't help that election officials in some states, including Michigan and Pennsylvania, are not allowed to begin looking at absentee ballots until Election Day. That leaves a narrow window for identifying problems and allowing voters to fix them.

Experts say voters must be diligent about requesting and returning absentee ballots well ahead of Election Day; the Postal Service advises allowing seven days for a ballot to reach an election office.

Drop boxes can help. Michigan, Georgia, Colorado and Arizona are among states adding more. Colorado, which has been mailing ballots to all voters since 2013, saw a slight increase in rejections from about 1 percent in 2016 to 1.6 percent in this year's primary; the rejection rate doubled in Denver but still remained below 2%.

Joe Bernal, a 31-year-old tech analyst in Miami, expects to be driving to the nearest drop box to deliver his ballot ahead of Nov. 3. His ballot was rejected in Florida's March presidential primary for arriving after the deadline, even though Bernal said he mailed it at least three weeks before.

Bernal, who lost an aunt to COVID-19, said he is unwilling to vote in person: "I'm asthmatic. I don't want to have to risk it."

As virus cases drop, governors may gamble on bars – again

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A guy walks into a bar, which still isn't allowed in Texas.

But Jeff Brightwell owns this bar. Two months into an indefinite shutdown, he's just checking on the place – the tables six feet apart, the "Covid 19 House Rules" sign instructing drinkers not to mingle. All the safeguards that didn't keep the doors open because Dot's Hop House & Cocktail Courtyard is a bar under Texas law. And bars, in a pandemic? "Really not good," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's infectious disease expert, told Congress in June.

But some governors are warming up to good enough. Thousands of bars forced to close after massive virus outbreaks swept across the U.S. this summer could be starting to see an end in sight as cases drop off and the political will for continuing lockdowns fades. For some states, it is a gamble worth trying, only a few months after a rush to reopen bars in May and June ended in disaster.

"Our governor waved the magic wand, put us out of business and offered us nothing," said Brightwell, whose Dallas bar typically employs around 50 people. He says his industry has been scapegoated.

Bars remain under full closure orders in more than a half-dozen states, including hard-hit ones like Texas but also Connecticut, which has one of the nation's lowest positivity rates. And even in states already letting bars operate, restrictions vary from one county to the next and can tighten or loosen abruptly, reflecting the unease among governors even as reopening movie theaters and amusement parks create a look of getting over the hump.

Arkansas has one of the highest infection levels in the U.S. and is letting bars operate with partial capacity. Republican Gov. Asa Hutchison's defense: No spread has been linked to bars.

Experts say outbreaks nationwide have proven otherwise. Even in recent weeks, new outbreaks tied to college students returning to campus have resulted in bars shutting down again from Alabama to Iowa, undermining confidence that the time is right.

Still, governors are looking for a way. California began letting some bars in a few small counties reopen, though not where the vast majority of the population lives. Next might be Florida, where bars have been closed since June and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis, a top ally of President Donald Trump, has mused whether bar closings even work since restaurants are serving alcohol anyway. "Everything's open except the nightclubs and the pubs, and that's something we're going to address," DeSantis said this week.

In Texas, where three in four of the state's 13,400 deaths blamed on COVID-19 have occurred since July, the infection rate has dipped below the 10 percent positivity rate that Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has set as one criteria for letting bars back in business. He has teased that an another announcement about next steps in reopening could come early as this week, which won't come soon enough for the right wing of his party, which for months has blasted him over the lockdowns and a statewide mask mandate.

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Box Factory commissions mural, reopens with new restrictions

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The facade of the Box Factory for the Arts is about to take flight under the artistry of Kimberly Wood.

Her mural design "Birds of a Feather, Flock Together," will wrap the sides and front of the building in a mix of flora and fauna along Broad Street in St. Joseph.

"The design is meant to emulate the community and the arts in a vibrant and playful way," Woods said. "I specifically chose origami birds to mimic the history of the Box in paper products and then evolve and take flight into something colorful and new. I believe that the Box Factory and artists within it are what keeps the arts in St. Joseph alive and flourishing – not just the visual arts but the performing arts, the galleries, the ArtMarket and more."

Wood, who works in a variety of media, has been a regular participant in the annual Chalk the Block event in downtown St. Joseph. As an international street artist, she has participated in festivals in many states including the Coloured Earth Festival in Halifax and the Sarasota Chalk Festival in Florida.

She's helped create murals in North Dakota and Minnesota. The most recent mural, in Breckenridge, Minn., was awarded the Arts Legacy City designation, one of only nine cities to receive the designation.

A graduate of Grand Valley State University, she is a full-time commercial design instructor at Van Buren Tech Center in Lawrence.

The mural is being underwritten by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts, which has been matched by members and friends of the Berrien Artist Guild.

The Berrien Artist Guild Board of Directors at the Box Factory announced the mural after reopening to the public on Friday for the first time since March.

The Box Factory will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. on a limited schedule on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until further notice.

Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be in effect as well.

While the gallery exhibits will continue their presence online, the ArtMarket was expanded into the Williams Gallery. Online exhibits can be found at www.boxfactoryforthearts.org.

By expanding the ArtMarket into the Williams Gallery, organizers at The Box hope to provide an opportunity for visitors to view a greater variety of artwork and purchase certain items at reduced prices.

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Photos provided / South Haven Area Emergency Services

South Haven Area Emergency Services personnel perform a water rescue Sunday off of South Beach. A 19-year-old Jackson man was rescued Sunday afternoon but his 18-year-old friend went under the surface of the water and is presumed drowned. Three other rescues were performed over the weekend. The search for the missing swimmer continues today.

4 rescued, 1 presumed drowned in South Haven over the weekend

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Rough waves on Lake Michigan tormented swimmers and boaters over Labor Day weekend in South Haven as four people were rescued and one was presumed drowned as of Monday afternoon.

First responders plan this morning to continue the search for an 18-year-old man from Jackson who is presumed drowned after becoming caught up in the waves of Lake Michigan on Sunday, near South Beach.

The search was called off on Monday due to hazardous weather conditions on Lake Michigan.

"Nothing was able to be done today," said Brandon Hinz, South Haven Area Emergency Services (SHAES) chief on Monday afternoon. "The search will resume Tuesday morning if conditions permit."

In the meantime, South Beach remain closed to the public Monday as it was Sunday afternoon when first responders were called to the beach to search for the man. The search was called off Sunday night due to darkness and rough wave conditions.

Members of SHAES were dispatched at 4:30 p.m. Sunday for two men reported to be in distress at a buoy in the swimming area of South Beach.

First responders saw a man clinging to the buoy about 100 yards from the shore. A member of SHAES and a South Haven police officer reached the 19-year-old Jackson man who told them that his friend had gone under and had not resurfaced.

After getting the 19-year-old man to shore, first responders formed a human search chain while the sheriff's marine patrol and a Coast Guard cutter conducted search patterns. They were then joined by a Coast Guard helicopter and the Van Buren Sheriff's dive team. As of 7 p.m., the swimmer had still not been located.

That incident follows three other incidents on Saturday, in which people had to be rescued.

In all of the cases, red flags were flying at the time indicating people should stay out of the water.

The first rescue happened at 2:30 p.m. when an adult woman was overcome by the waves along the shore just off South Beach, according to a news release from the South Haven Police Department. She was pulled from the water by other beachgoers. She initially was not breathing but soon began to aspirate water and regained consciousness. The woman was taken to Bronson South Haven Hospital where she was evaluated and later released.

At about the same time, an adult male was overcome by waves along the south pier. He was rescued by a passing boat and taken to the Southside Municipal Marina, nearby, and was released without the need for additional medical treatment.

Later Saturday afternoon, a 15-foot unoccupied dinghy washed ashore along North Beach. The Van Buren County Marine Patrol, was patrolling the lake at the time and found the dinghy's operator floating approximately 1,000 yards offshore. He was suffering from exhaustion and was taken to Bronson Hospital for evaluation.

The man, who had not been wearing a life jacket at the time, told first responders he been knocked off the boat by powerful wave action.

South Haven Area Emergency Services, South Haven Police Department, the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department marine patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard all helped with the rescues/search.

TCP celebrates season with digital Tiffany Awards

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The Twin City Players community gathered virtually last weekend to celebrate the 33rd annual Tiffany Awards.

The Facebook celebration recognized the performances and achievements from TCP's 2019-20 Mainstage Season.

In addition to the awards, viewers were entertained by the cast of "Mamma Mia!" and an animated video, "The Grinch Who Stole Theatre."

The awards are named after the late Marion Tiffany, an actress, volunteer and charter member of TCP. A secret panel of judges selected the winners.

Awards went to:

- Best Lead Actor: Kraig Kirkdorfer for his role in "Marjorie Prime"
- Best Lead Actress: Susan Meadows for her role in "Marjorie Prime"
- Best Supporting Actor: Michael Bond for his role in "Marjorie Prime"
- Best Supporting Actress: Jodie Wilson for her role in "Mamma Mia!"
- Best Character Actor: Hayden Boocock for his role in "Mamma Mia!"
- Best Character Actresses: Renee Wright and Juliet Golob for their roles in "Kris Kringle the Musical"
- Golden Neophyte Awards (best first-time performances in a TCP show): Bond ("Marjorie Prime"), Kersten Claeys ("Mamma Mia!"), Lizabeth Benjamin ("Marjorie Prime") and Kristen Wielenga ("The Savannah Sipping Society")
- Youth Award: Marie W. for her role in "The Savannah Sipping Society"
- Outstanding Ensemble Performance: The cast of "The Savannah Sipping Society"
- What a Ham Award: John Rogers Jr. for his role in "Kris Kringle the Musical"
- Milking It Award: Zach Teadt for his role in "Mamma Mia!"
- Outstanding Costume Design: Reta Trux for "Mamma Mia!"
- Outstanding Set Design: Ed Brunner and Cindy Jakeway for "Mamma Mia!"
- Outstanding Lighting Design: Matt "Dolphy" Clark for "Mamma Mia!"
- Bob Grace Service Award: Scott Bradford
- Dottie Griffith Distinguished Volunteer Awards: Larry Nielsen and Julie Smiy
- The Player Award: John Taylor

From each show, the cast and crew selected one fellow cast member and crew member for the Unsung Hero Awards:

- "Mamma Mia!": Golob (crew) and Taylor (cast)
- "Marjorie Prime": Trux (crew) and Bond (cast)
- "Kris Kringle the Musical": Abby Buckhanan (crew) and Golob (cast)
- "The Savannah Sipping Society": Angel Stout (crew) and Peggy Harrington (cast)

TCP also recognized this year's Brian Swiger Memorial Scholarship winner, Isobel (Zoe) Downey.

The Tiffany Awards celebration and "How the Grinch Stole Theatre" videos are available online at www.twincityplayers.org.

Donations are welcome in lieu of event tickets, and can be made online.

IN BRIEF

Weekend COVID-19 update

Berrien County hit 1,500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the weekend, according to the Berrien County Health Department's data dashboard Monday afternoon.

That's 26 new cases over Friday's total. The county had also added six recoveries over Friday. No new deaths were recorded, keeping the county's death toll at 70.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 99 active COVID-19 cases, up from 79 on Friday and 89 last Monday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 10 COVID-19 patients as of Sunday, up from seven on Friday and five last Sunday.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department had not updated the two county's totals as of Monday afternoon.

Cianciarulo takes 1st 450 overall at RedBud

By HP STAFF

BUCHANAN — Adam Cianciarulo won his first 450-cc overall title Monday at the Circle K RedBud II National at Redbud MX.

R.J. Hampshire won the overall 250 title, despite not winning either moto. He finished second in the first moto and third in the second.

Dylan Ferrandis was second overall, followed by Shane McElrath.

Complete 450 results were unavailable at deadline.

Monday's races were part of a pro motocross Labor Day doubleheader weekend at RedBud. The historic motocross venue hosted RedBud I on Friday.

The traditional July 4 weekend races were postponed this summer due to COVID-19 concerns. The Lucas Oil pro motocross tour didn't start until Aug. 15, at Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tenn. That also was a series doubleheader.

The tour's next stop is Sept. 19 at Spring Creek MX Park in Millville, Minn.

Dustin Johnson cashes in and finally wins the FedEx Cup

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA — Dustin Johnson hit his stride at just the right time and it paid off in a big way.

Johnson finally won the FedEx Cup on Monday by holding his nerve, hitting just enough fairways and making a few key putts when his lead began to shrink. He tapped in for birdie on the last hole for a 2-under 68, giving him a three-shot victory over Justin Thomas and Xander Schauffele in the Tour Championship.

Johnson won the $15 million prize, the biggest in golf. Equally important was getting his named etched on that silver FedEx Cup trophy alongside some of the best from his generation, starting with Tiger Woods and most recently Rory McIlroy.

"This is a tough golf course. No lead is safe," Johnson said. "The guys gave me a good fight today."

He became the first No. 1 seed at the Tour Championship to win the FedEx Cup since Tiger Woods in 2009.

Johnson was staked to a five-shot lead at 19-under par – 9 under on his own score and starting the tournament at 10 under as the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup.

He finished at 21 under.

Schauffele, who tends to bring his best to big moments, and Thomas each got within three shots on the front nine. They both closed to within two shots deep on the back nine at East Lake.

Johnson gave the lightest fist pump – that's big emotion for him – when he holed a 20-foot par putt on the 13th hole that kept his lead at three. He made nothing but pars on the back nine until the outcome was no longer in doubt.

Thomas made bogey from a wild tee shot to the right on the 17th. Schauffele also had to scramble on the 17th, escaping with par after a tee shot into the bunker. And on the par-5 18th, Johnson unleashed a drive that started left along the pine trees and faded gently toward the middle of the fairway.

That set up a birdie from the front bunker, a hug with brother Austin, his caddie, and a trophy he long wanted.

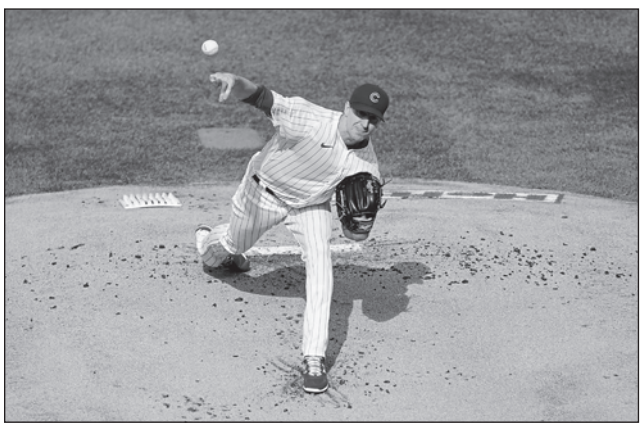
Schauffele had the lowest score over 72 holes at 15-under 265, but without a victory this year, he started at No. 14 in the FedEx Cup, spotting the world's No. 1 player seven shots.

Schauffele and Thomas tied for second, each earning $4.5 million.

Jon Rahm, the No. 2 seed, closed with a 66 to finish fourth and earn $3 million. Scottie Scheffler, who a year ago was getting ready to start his rookie year, had a 66-65 finish and was fifth for a $2.5 million payoff.

Hendricks, Cubs beat Cards

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press



Paul Beaty / AP

Chicago Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks delivers during the first inning of Monday's game.

CHICAGO — Kyle Hendricks hit his spots and kept hitters off balance. It was a command performance at a big moment for the Chicago Cubs.

Cubs 5 Cardinals 1

Hendricks went eight innings, and the NL Central-leading Cubs beat the second-place St. Louis Cardinals 5-1 on Monday.

Led by Hendricks and a 10-hit attack, Chicago closed out the five-game series on a winning note after losing three straight. It leads the defending division champions by 2 ½ games.

Hendricks (5-4) gave up a run and seven hits in his second straight win. He also struck out four and walked none in his 38th consecutive start with two walks or less – the most by a Cubs pitcher since at least 1901.

"I didn't know that to be honest with you," Hendricks said. "It's something I'm shooting for, I guess. It's a good result to have, to know that what I'm going out there and trying to do is coming across. I've just got to keep focused on that, keep moving forward and not giving them free bases."

Hendricks' poise and control have made him one of the Cubs' most reliable pitchers since he debuted in 2014.

"He's a guy that you just can mark it up to consistency every fifth day," manager David Ross said. "That's such a powerful thing in major league baseball, to have a guy that you know is gonna take the bump, give you a solid outing, not gonna beat himself, is gonna keep you in the ballgame. Very poised in any situation. I don't know where this group would be (without him)."

Javier Báez had three singles and scored a run, helping the Cubs earn a split of the 10-game season series against the Cardinals. Jason Kipnis had two hits and drove in a run. Willson Contreras made it 5-0 with a two-run single against Johan Oviedo in the fifth.

Oviedo (0-2) went 4 ⅔ innings in his fourth major league start, allowing three earned runs and eight hits.

"This kid's going to be a really good pitcher for us," manager Mike Shildt said. "Oviedo's got not only a bright long-term future, but this guy's going to help us this year. He's got the pitches. He's got the makeup. He's got the competitive spirit."

Catcher Yadier Molina exited in the sixth with a bruised left elbow. Matt Wieters replaced the nine-time All-Star and drove in St. Louis' lone run with a seventh-inning single. But the Cardinals came up short after matching a season high with three straight wins.

"We're battling," Oviedo said. "As a team, we feel great right now."

Cubs claim Hamilton

The Cubs claimed outfielder Billy Hamilton off waivers from the New York Mets.

A career .241 hitter with 302 steals over eight seasons with Cincinnati (2013-18), Kansas City (2019), Atlanta (2019) and New York (2020), Hamilton was 1 for 22 before the Mets designated him for assignment on Friday.

The Cubs also added infielder Ildemaro Vargas to the active roster and designated left-hander Matt Dermody for assignment.

Trainer's room

Cubs: OF Jason Heyward "seems to be feeling much better" after leaving Sunday's game because he was feeling lightheaded and having difficulty breathing, Ross said. Heyward was taken to a hospital, though he did not stay overnight, and was scheduled for more tests on Tuesday. Ross would not say what the illness is. "We have had no positive COVID tests, I can tell you that," he said. ... RHP Tyler Chatwood (strained right forearm) started his throwing program Monday, and LHP José Quintana (left lat inflammation) is expected to begin throwing on Tuesday.

Tigers can't solve Pineda, Twins on Labor Day

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Ryan Jeffers hit his first major league homer to spark Minnesota's four-run third inning, and Michael Pineda stayed sharp in his return from suspension by finishing seven innings for the Twins in a 6-2 win over the Detroit Tigers on Monday.

Twins 6 Tigers 2

Pineda (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits, struck out eight and walked two in his first victory since Sept. 1, 2019. After serving a 60-game penalty for taking a banned weight-loss drug, Pineda debuted last week with six innings and a no-decision as the Twins beat Chicago. He worked through this start as a steady rain fell over the last four innings.

"I'm feeling very proud of myself because that's what we want, just trying to work longer in the game and give everything I've got every five to six days," said Pineda, who has a 2.77 ERA through two turns. He went 7-1 with a 2.76 ERA over his last 11 starts before the suspension.

"There's not a lot of room or time to just figure things out and just kind of settle back in," manager Rocco Baldelli said. "Big Mike has been ready to go from the first pitch he returned, and I don't know if every guy does it that easily."

Jeffers crushed a full-count fastball from Michael Fulmer (0-1) into the juniper wall behind center field, an estimated distance of 437 feet. Fulmer recorded only one out in the third, with the Tigers continuing to ease the 2016 AL Rookie of the Year and 2017 All-Star into action after he missed the 2019 season due to Tommy John surgery.

Fulmer lost to the Twins for the first time in his career. He was 5-0 with a 2.64 ERA in his first five starts against them, but he left the bases loaded for Daniel Norris and was charged with four runs and four hits despite feeling he had an improved grasp of his pitches.

"Although it was a rough one today, I feel like it was a step in the right direction," Fulmer said.

Eddie Rosario greeted Norris with a three-run double, before his latest lackadaisical move on the basepaths led to him getting caught in a rundown between second and third.

Byron Buxton homered in the eighth and Taylor Rogers struck out the side in the ninth for the Twins (26-17), who improved to 18-5 at home. They pulled within one game of first-place Chicago (26-15) in the AL Central, with Cleveland in between.

Jeimer Candelario doubled twice and scored both runs for the Tigers, the first on a two-out single in the fourth by rookie Willi Castro. Candelario is batting .415 with 10 runs in his last 12 games. Miguel Cabrera struck out twice, stopping a 13-game hitting streak that was his longest in five years.

Learning Tigers

Rookie Isaac Paredes, one of seven hitless Tigers, has one hit in his last 24 at-bats with eight strikeouts. After moving above the .500 mark to approach the cut for the playoffs, they've lost five of six games.

Trainer's room

Tigers: Gardenhire stayed inside for the second straight game, feeling better but still experiencing some symptoms of a stomach illness that sent him to an early exit on Saturday.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Blue hue
5 Chemist's hangout
8 Leaves breathless
12 Healing plant
13 Gleeful cry
14 Cookout
15 Chicago NBAer
16 Form 1040 info
17 Do road work
18 Gets a whiff
20 Shouted insults
22 Fair hiring letters
23 Above, to Tennyson
24 Fungi
27 Outdoorsy types
30 Pal, in Dijon
31 Chocolate candy
32 Durable wood
34 Tire support
35 Intersect
36 Frat letter
37 Women's hats
39 Party attender
41 Foul ball caller
42 Jump
43 Soft touch
46 Veering
50 Toma-hawks
51 Citrus drink
53 Three oceans touch it
54 Narrow opening
55 Extended family
56 Casino city
57 Many layers
58 That, in Acapulco
59 Good buy

DOWN
1 Captures
2 Astringent
3 Field rodent
4 Cried out
5 Roundup gear
6 Happy sighs
7 Musician with a lot of pluck?
8 Electrical unit
9 Have on
10 Roof overhang
11 Luge
19 "— Girls"
21 Cartoon shrieks
24 Damage superficially
25 Leave out
26 Luxury transport
27 Gets a move on
28 Cowboy gear
29 Get smart with
31 Souvenir
33 Baby beaver
35 Autumn flowers
38 Medieval adventures
39 — — few rounds
40 Kind of mobility
42 "Laughing" animal
43 ATM output
44 Wheel rod
45 Harness piece
47 Gotcha! (2 wds.)
48 Ship of 1492
49 London poky
52 Put down

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	U	C	T		F	L	E	E		F	O	P
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O	S	L	O		O	F	F	I	C	I	A	L
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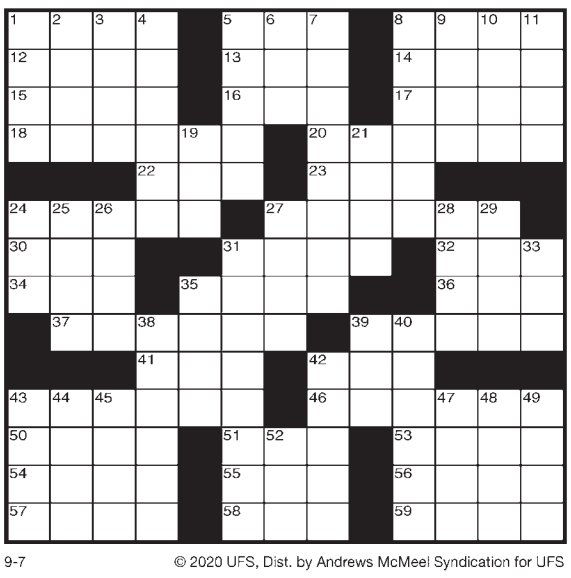

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VORRE

EDAAH

CCHEIT

MOCNIE

How many positions do we have to fill?
We should double or triple the number of employees we have right now.
9/7
THE COMPANY WAS GROWING QUICKLY, SO THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES NEEDED TO GO ---

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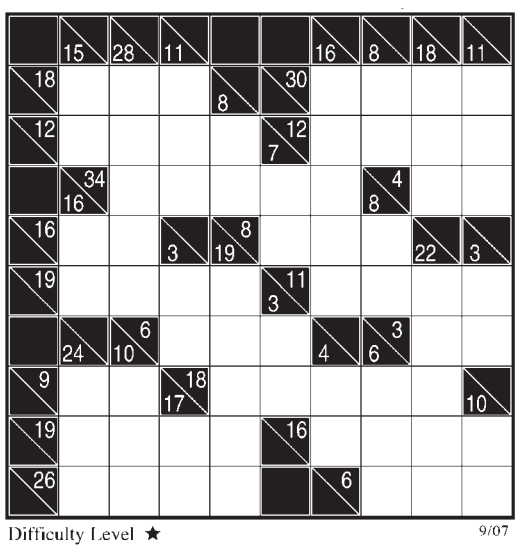
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ◯◯◯◯ " ◯◯◯ " ◯◯◯◯ "

(Answers tomorrow)

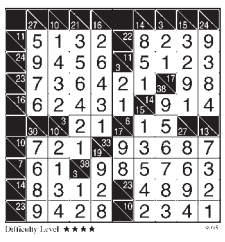
Saturday's Jumbles: SNIFF BUGGY METRIC FIBULA
Answer: It took him a year to lose 100 pounds, which resulted in a — BIG FAT GRIN

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★ 9/07



BRIDGE

Yesterday, you had to try to keep East off the lead so that he couldn't make a damaging switch. Today's deal is another variation on the danger-hand theme.

Cover the East-West cards. Against three no-trump, West leads the spade five: six, nine, 10. How should South continue?

Declarer starts with only five top tricks: two spades (given the first trick), two diamonds and one club. If the club finesse works, that suit will provide the other four tricks.

That was as far as the original declarer went with his analysis. Immediately, he ran the club jack. However, East won with the king and returned a spade. Declarer finessed the queen unsuccessfully and won the third round with the ace. Now, whether he played on diamonds or hearts, West could get the lead to cash his two spade winners, defeating the contract.

Declarer should have analyzed further. If the club finesse was working, there was no hurry to take it. All of the suits were still under control. The first order of business was to dislodge West's potential guaranteed entry: the heart ace. At trick two, South should lead the heart queen.

If her majesty wins, the time has come to take the club finesse. Nine tricks are assured. If East produces the heart ace and returns a spade, declarer wins the third round of the suit, then he finesses in clubs.

Even if the finesse loses, declarer cannot go down (unless East started with five spades). Finally, if West wins with the heart ace, he cannot lead another spade without losing a trick. The contract makes easily.

North 09-07-20
♠ 8 6 3
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 7 6 2
♣ A Q J

West
♠ K Q 9 5 4
♥ K 8
♦ A Q 9 3
♣ 8 4

East
♠ J 10 2
♥ J 9 5
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ 6 5 2

South
♠ A 7
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ K 10
♣ K 10 9 7 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♠	Dbl.	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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				8			5	
5				1	3			
	4	1	2	5	6		7	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	3	7	9	4	6	8	2	1
1	4	2	5	8	7	9	3	6
8	6	9	2	1	3	4	5	7
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PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING SEP. 8

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Modern Family	Modern Family	What Would You Do? (N) CC		What Would You Do? (N) CC	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Schooled" CC (DVS)		Love Island (N) CC		FBI: Most Wanted CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Semi-Finals 1" Eleven semifinalists perform. (N) CC				:01 Transplant "Tell Me Who You Are"	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Hell's Kitchen "Final Three"		Prodigal Son "The Professionals"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	American Experience "The Vote"		Frontline "Growing Up Poor in America"		Harbor From the Holocaust (N) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Dead Pixels (N)	Dead Pixels	Tell Me a Story "Chapter 7: Betrayal"		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. "Remember the Devil"		Chicago P.D. "Little Bit of Light"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Dead Pixels (N)	Dead Pixels	Tell Me a Story "Chapter 7: Betrayal"		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Tim doles out some tough love.		Highway to Heaven "Children's Children"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish "God"	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 Biography: The Nine Lives of Ozzy Osbourne CC			Biography: I Want My MTV (N) CC			
AMC	Rocky Balboa	★★ I, Robot ('04) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035. CC				True Lies	
Animal	Was Prey	Shark of Darkness: Wrath of Submarine				Surviving Joe Exotic	
BET	Barbershop: The Next Cut ('16)			★★ Just Wright ('10) Queen Latifah.			
Big Ten	:00 College Soccer CC			College Soccer From Sept. 17, 2017. CC			
Bravo	Below Deck	Below Deck Mediterranean CC		Below Deck Mediterranean (N) CC		Backyard Envy "You Grow Girl!" (N) CC	
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	Open Range	★★ Breakthrough ('19, Drama) Chrissy Metz, Josh Lucas. (P). CC				★★ The Zookeeper's Wife	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Path	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N) CC		Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid "Gabe vs. the Wild" (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Raven
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Potter	:15 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1					
ESPN	:00 2020 U.S. Open Tennis Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. (N) (L)						
ESPN2	NFL	WNBA Basketball: Lynx vs Mystics				WNBA Basketball	
ESPNC	Football	Classic-Boxing		Boxing		Classic-Boxing	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Chopped Sweets	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Detroit Tigers.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Rio ('11) Voices of Anne Hathaway. CC			★★ Rio 2 ('14) Voices of Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg. (P). CC			
FX	★★ Peter Rabbit	★★ Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation ('18) Voices of Adam Sandler. CC				Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation	
Golf	Nick	World Long Drive Championship CC				World Long Drive	
Hallmark	Love Slopes	Love, Romance & Chocolate ('19, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:50 The Vow	7:55 ★★★ Point Break ('91, Action) Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves. CC				Hard Knocks: Los Angeles (N) CC	
History	America's Book of Secrets			America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition			
HGTV	Bones	Good Bones (N)		:01 Good Bones (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Derricos	Counting On (N)		Counting On (N)		Doubling Down	
Lifetime	:00 Supernanny	Supernanny Christina is resentful of Katie.		Supernanny "Bean Family" (N) CC		:03 Wife Swap "Harris/Weasel" CC	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Teen	Teen Mom 2 CC		16 & Recovering (N)		9:54 Teen Mom 2	
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Pittsburgh Pirates.					Postgame	Immortals
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Power Rankings		NFL GameDay Season Preview (N) CC			
Nick	Loud	Group	Sponge.	Friends CC		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero "Life & Death" (N) CC				:03 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "The Weigh Station"		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. "An Honest Woman"	
Parmt	Two Men	★ Grown Ups 2 ('13) Adam Sandler. CC				Grown 2	
Showtime	Road House	Ray Donovan Ray urges Bridget to lie.		Inside the NFL (N) CC		We Hunt Together CC	
Starz	:18 ★★ Zombieland: Double Tap ('19) Woody Harrelson.			Power Book II: Ghost "The Stranger"		:10 ★★★ Premium Rush ('12) CC	
STZENC	:18 ★★ The Whole Nine Yards ('00) Bruce Willis. CC			Slaughterhouse Rulez ('18, Comedy) Simon Pegg, Finn Cole, Asa Butterfield. CC			
SyFy	:00 ★★ Angels & Demons ('09) Tom Hanks. Robert Langdon confronts an ancient brotherhood. CC					★★ Inferno ('16) Tom Hanks.	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Jack of Diamonds	Women Make Film (N) CC		:15 El camino ('63, Drama) José Antonio Mejías, Maribel Martín, Ángel Díaz.			
TMC	Spaceballs ('87)	★★★ The Fifth Element ('97) Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman, Ian Holm. CC				:10 ★★ Captive State ('19) CC	
TNT	NBA Basketball: Heat vs Bucks			NBA Basketball: Lakers vs Rockets			
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Encircled" (N) CC				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				★★★ American Sniper ('14, War)	
VH1	★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' ('05) CC					All Eyez on Me	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Recent divorcee is surprised to find love close to home

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am recently divorced after a 19-year marriage, and to my great shock, I already find myself in love with another man. I didn't come out of the marriage looking for anyone, nor did I think I'd ever marry again, but this man wants to marry me, and I'm seriously considering it.

We bonded when he contacted me to offer support after he heard about my divorce, and it was love at "second" sight. Why "second"? Because we grew up together – literally next door – and he's my first cousin.

Despite the societal taboo, it is legal in my state for first cousins to marry, and genetic issues with offspring aren't a concern. We're both sterile and have no ability (or desire) for more children. My siblings suspect and aren't pleased with the situation. His parents know and are happy for us.

Am I crazy to think I'm in love again this quickly? It doesn't feel too fast because we've always known each other and been close; it's just that the form of love has changed. How do we break it to the rest of the family? The world? People can be so judgmental, even though in many parts of the world it is perfectly normal to marry your cousin. – Secret Love In The South

DEAR SECRET LOVE: You are not "crazy," but you may be in an altered mental state, as many recently divorced people have found themselves. They describe it as a kind of high.

If you are wise – and I hope you are – you will slow this romance down and allow enough time for your family to become accustomed to the changed circumstances of your relationship with your cousin. The "world" isn't going to care about this the way your family does, so don't concern yourself with explaining anything to the general public. (How often have you asked couples to explain if they are related in addition to marriage? Not many, I'll bet.)

My advice is to let this new relationship evolve more slowly. If you do, the outcome may be more positive than if you hurtle to the altar.

DEAR ABBY: I have the best wife and daughter ever, and here's my dilemma. My daughter lives in another state and would love us to build a second home nearby to be closer to their family.

My wife and I are nearly 80 and very active. I play tennis or pickleball every day. My wife walks an hour to an hour and a half every morning. We are happiest when we are active. Where my daughter lives is not conducive to walking, and my wife would be very unhappy.

Please don't suggest a gym or a treadmill – been there, done that. Plus, my wife has no desire to take on the added burden of a second house. We just downsized five years ago. How do I keep the two women in my life happy? – Figuring It Out In Florida

DEAR FIGURING: Recognize that it won't be possible to make both women happy. Your first loyalty should be to your wife.

Explain to your daughter that you know she means well, but that at your ages (80), your routine is extremely important. (It's true.) That routine may be what keeps you as healthy as you are. Back it up with the fact that two homes would be too much for you and her mother to manage, which is why you have BOTH decided – as much as you love her – to keep things as they are. And stick to it. Your daughter can visit you, and you can visit her, but stay where you are.

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Husband can't see past wife's tattoo

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My wife and I have been married seven years and she's the smartest and most practical person I've ever met, and I love her and her way of seeing the world. I've always seen her as a very logical person who's not prone to random flights of fancy.

She has talked about liking tattoos for a long time, but never gotten one because she always said it's a big decision having something on her skin forever.

I hate tattoos. I've never wanted one and never wanted her to have one. She's a teacher, so her professional image is very important to her.

I was away for business last week and when I got home, she showed me a tattoo on her wrist. We talked every night while I was gone but she didn't even bother to tell me she decided to do this.

It's small, and she said it's the only one she wants, but I'm still flabbergasted and ticked off. I haven't told her yet but I hate it. It seems so unlike her, like she just got bored and randomly decided to mark herself for life.

I know she had mentioned wanting one for a while, but she always acted like it was just a joke. Now it's on her body forever, and I'm concerned, annoyed and worried.

Concerned that she would do something like this seemingly out of nowhere, annoyed that she didn't bother to tell me first and worried that maybe something's going on that I don't know about?

I've been distant since she showed me. How do I deal with this? – Tattoo Trouble

DEAR TATTOO TROUBLE: How can you say it "seems so unlike her" and "out of nowhere" when everything else you say proves it's something she always wanted?

She thought about it for a long time, openly, with you, and then did it. It takes some wishful thinking to spin that into "randomly."

What really happened, I'd venture, is that her finally doing it knocked off your filter, the one through which you ran all of her tattoo talk so you could tell yourself she'd never get one. She's too sensible, you told yourself. She's too professional. She was just joking.

You wanted to see her this way, so that's what you saw.

But, all along she was someone who'd get a tattoo eventually. Then "eventually" eventually came.

Your frustration with the timing is valid. She obviously knew you'd object, so she went at it sideways vs. head-on.

That is on her. She owed it to you to be open about her choice.

But you owed it to her to see her for who she is and not spin her into someone you liked better.

Regardless of what you think of all of this, she is who she is. As-is. If it were my marriage, I'd look past the tattoo to the bigger issue of valuing directness more and, toward that end, pledging to judge less.

By the way, the days of tattoos being an issue professionally are, if not dead, then at least on life support and furrowing the brows of onlookers. To single out teachers seems almost quaint.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Mineral springs
5 John, in Ireland
9 Contractor's figure
12 Refuses to
13 Alice's chronicler
14 Chemical suffix
15 Operatic prince
16 North Dakota's capital
18 Eyeglass
20 Kelp
21 Flower lover
22 Excitement
23 Tricked
26 Still on the market
29 Under par
30 Pull down
32 Passion
34 Wildebeests
36 Tell all
38 Really bad coffee
39 Tomato jellies
41 Fast horses
43 Switch positions
44 Victimize
45 Pulpits
48 Dwell
52 Most erratic
54 Sports event
55 — you with it?
56 Prefix for partly
57 Poet's black
58 Flaming
59 What — can I do?
60 Bumper mishap

DOWN
1 Go in the water
2 Comic swamp critter
3 Erelong
4 Disco flasher
5 Dark fur
6 Huron neighbor
7 Capp and Jolson
8 Roamers
9 Freighter hazard
10 Early Peruvian
11 Feint
17 Remote
19 Grant territory
22 Tolstoy heroine
23 Make a tunnel
24 Radius' companion
25 Arithmetic sign
26 WWW addresses
27 Capital of Peru
28 Beat soundly
31 Basics
33 McMahon and Sullivan
35 CIA agent, slangily
37 Wingding
40 Out of the rain
42 Parented
44 Loosen
45 Cracked
46 Insignificant
47 Reproduced
48 Tenets
49 Legendary ox
50 Computer graphic
51 Dress type
53 Ocean dweller

Answer to Previous Puzzle

N	A	V	Y		L	A	B		A	W	E	S
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DUNEP

NOONI

BHPAUC

TDOMEH

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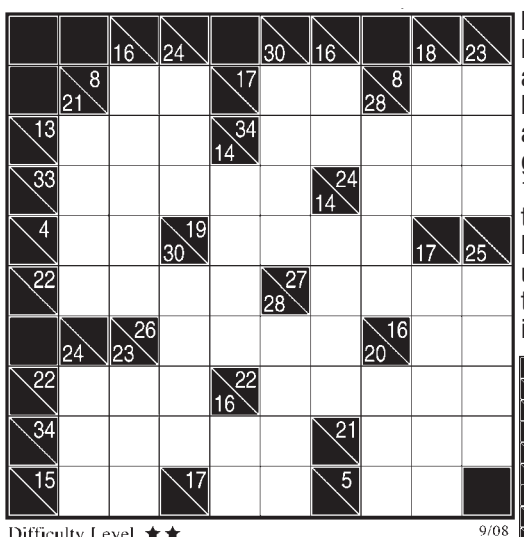
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

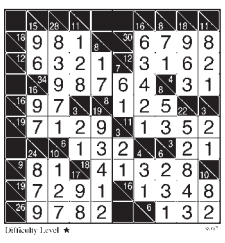
Yesterday's Jumbles: ROVER AHEAD HECTIC INCOME
Answer: The company was growing quickly, so the number of employees needed to go — "HIRE" AND "HIRE"

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★ 9/08



BRIDGE

Yesterday, you had to try to keep East off the lead so that he couldn't make a damaging switch. Today's deal is another variation on the danger-hand theme.

Cover the East-West cards. Against three no-trump, West leads the spade five: six, nine, 10. How should South continue?

Declarer starts with only five top tricks: two spades (given the first trick), two diamonds and one club. If the club finesse works, that suit will provide the other four tricks.

That was as far as the original declarer went with his analysis. Immediately, he ran the club jack. However, East won with the king and returned a spade. Declarer finessed the queen unsuccessfully and won the third round with the ace. Now, whether he played on diamonds or hearts, West could get the lead to cash his two spade winners, defeating the contract.

Declarer should have analyzed further. If the club finesse was working, there was no hurry to take it. All of the suits were still under control. The first order of business was to dislodge West's potential guaranteed entry: the heart ace. At trick two, South should lead the heart queen.

If her majesty wins, the time has come to take the club finesse. Nine tricks are assured. If East produces the heart ace and returns a spade, declarer wins the third round of the suit, then he finesses in clubs. Even if the finesse loses, declarer cannot go down (unless East started with five spades). Finally, if West wins with the heart ace, he cannot lead another spade without losing a trick. The contract makes easily.

North 09-08-20
♠ 7 6
♥ K J 6
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ A Q 6 4

West
♠ K J 8 5 2
♥ A 10 3
♦ J 9 7 5
♣ 5

East
♠ 9 4 3
♥ 9 8 5 4 2
♦ Q 10
♣ K 9 2

South
♠ A Q 10
♥ Q 7
♦ A K 4
♣ J 10 8 7 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

5	1	7	3		6		8	2
		2	1	5	4		9	
						1	5	
3	7		9	4			2	
6								5
	2			6	5		3	8
	5	8						
	9		4	8	2	5		
2	3		5		9	8	7	4

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	3	5	1	4	8	7	6	9
1	8	6	3	9	7	5	4	2
9	7	4	5	6	2	3	1	8
4	2	8	6	7	9	1	3	5
7	5	9	8	3	1	6	2	4
6	1	3	4	2	5	8	9	7
3	6	7	9	8	4	2	5	1
5	9	2	7	1	3	4	8	6
8	4	1	2	5	6	9	7	3

BEETLE BAILEY

WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE?!
GET MOVING!
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HE LEFT A LOT OF ROOM FOR INTERPRETATION
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GREG+ MORT WALKER

BLONDIE

NOT SO FAST, "SCRUNDIT" IS NOT A REAL WORD
OF COURSE IT IS, DEAR
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USE IT IN A SENTENCE FOR ME
I CAN'T START DINNER IF "SCRUNDIT" ISN'T A REAL WORD
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WELL PLAYED!
THANK YOU, DEAR
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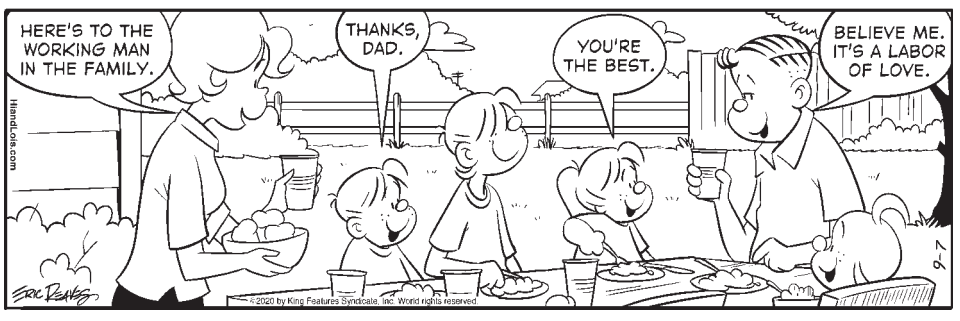
HI & LOIS


HERE'S TO THE WORKING MAN IN THE FAMILY.
THANKS, DAD.
YOU'RE THE BEST.
BELIEVE ME. IT'S A LABOR OF LOVE.
HIandLois.com
ERIC REYNOLDS
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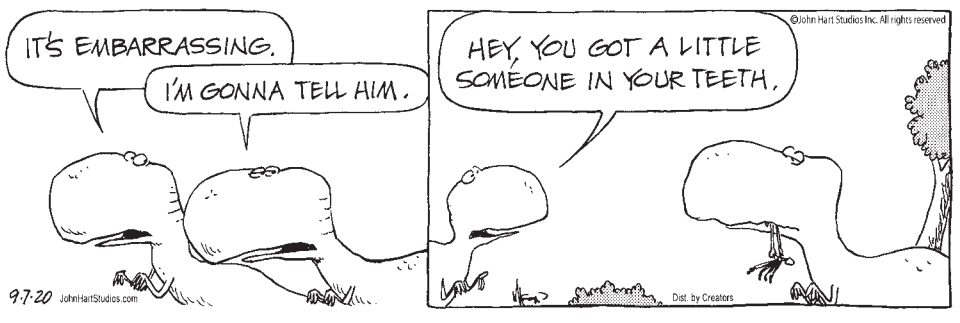
IT'S EMBARRASSING.
I'M GONNA TELL HIM.
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HEY, YOU GOT A LITTLE SOMEONE IN YOUR TEETH.
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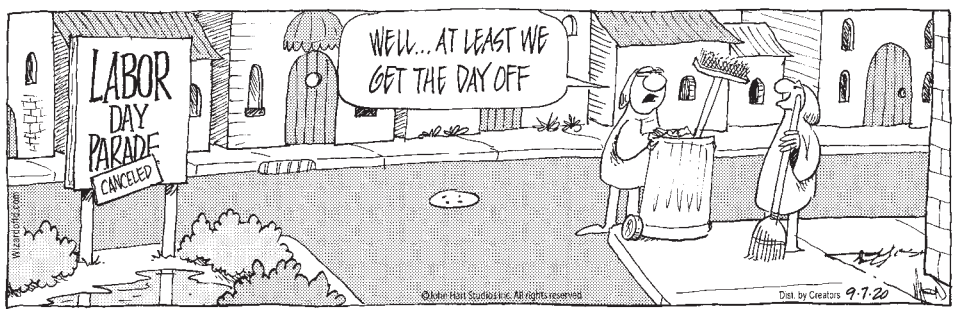
LABOR DAY PARADE CANCELED
WELL... AT LEAST WE GET THE DAY OFF
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DILBERT

THAT STUPID CORONAVIRUS IS NO MATCH FOR A HEALTHY, YOUNG LEADER SUCH AS YOURSELF.
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FREEDOM DEMANDS THAT YOU GO TO CROWDED INDOOR SPACES WITHOUT WEARING YOUR MASK.
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?
I'D SAY THERE'S REASONABLE DOUBT.
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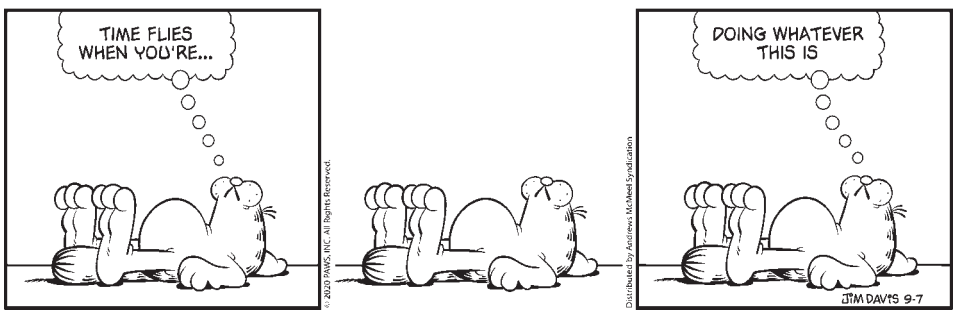
GARFIELD


TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE...
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DOING WHATEVER THIS IS
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JIM DAVIS 9-7

FORT KNOX

JANE, ISN'T THIS GOOGLE HOME COOL?
NO, THOSE THINGS SPY ON PEOPLE.
Siri is my EX
OH PLEASE... DO YOU THINK GOOGLE HAS TIME TO LISTEN TO OUR CONVERSATIONS?
GOOD POINT.
HOLD PLEEZ
SO WHERE SHOULD WE PUT IT?
HEAR YE
IN THE LIVING ROOM.
This is wire TAP
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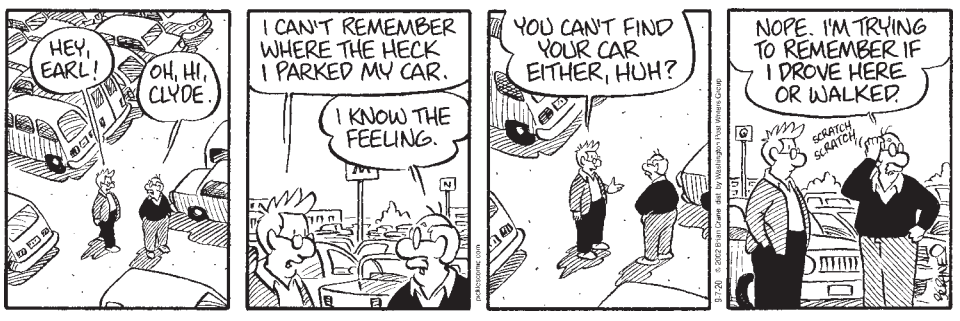
HEY, EARL!
OH, HI, CLYDE.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHERE THE HECK I PARKED MY CAR.
I KNOW THE FEELING.
YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR CAR EITHER, HUH?
NOPE. I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER IF I DROVE HERE OR WALKED.
SCRATCH SCRATCH
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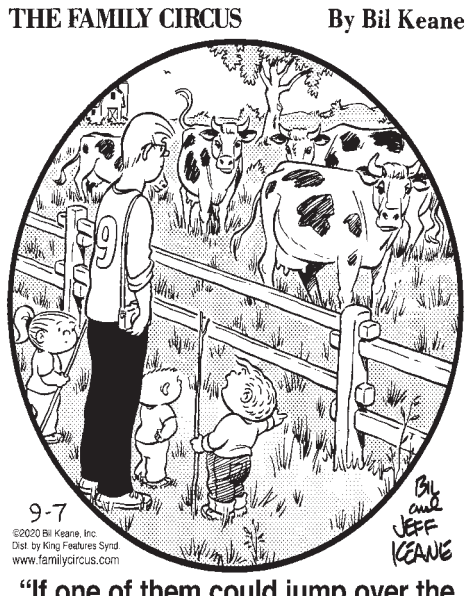
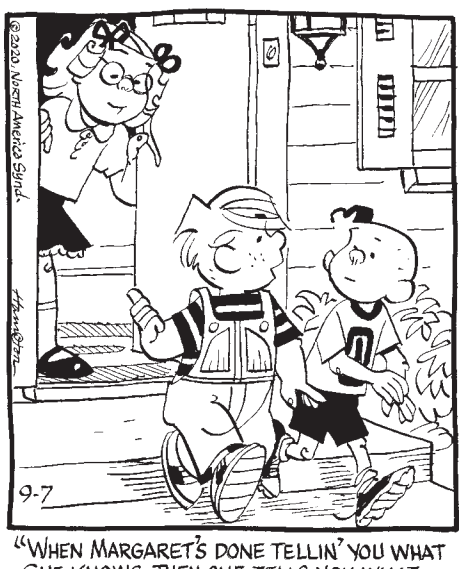
FAMILY CIRCUS



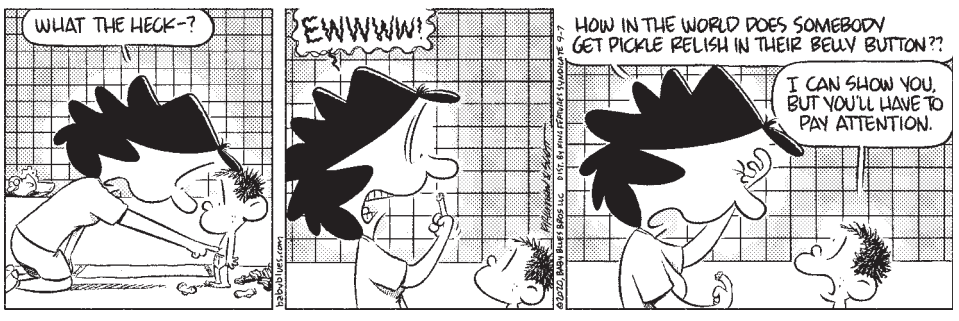
"If one of them could jump over the moon, how come they can't jump over the fence?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHEN MARGARET'S DONE TELLIN' YOU WHAT SHE KNOWS, THEN SHE TELLS YOU WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW."

BABY BLUES


WHAT THE HECK-?
EWWWW!
HOW IN THE WORLD DOES SOMEBODY GET PICKLE RELISH IN THEIR BELLY BUTTON??
I CAN SHOW YOU, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION.
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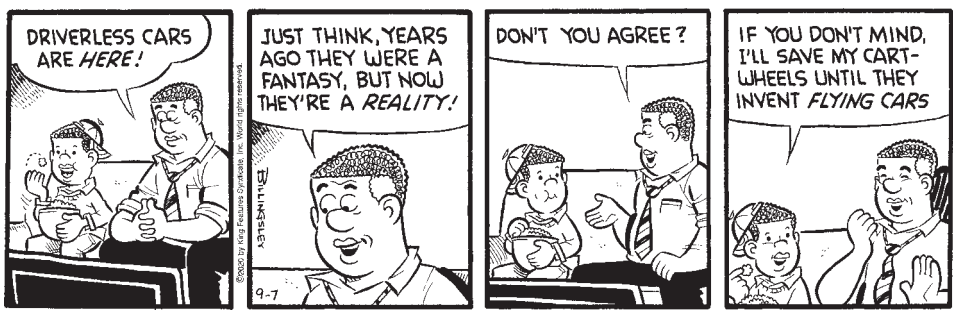
CURTIS


DRIVERLESS CARS ARE HERE!
JUST THINK, YEARS AGO THEY WERE A FANTASY, BUT NOW THEY'RE A REALITY!
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DON'T YOU AGREE?
IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL SAVE MY CART-WHEELS UNTIL THEY INVENT FLYING CARS

ZITS

A TRIPLE BACON CHEESE-BURGER WITH JALAPEÑO, STADIUM CHEESE AND ONION RINGS...
...A FRIED EGG, GUACAMOLE, MAKO...
URK! I NEEDA MINUTE.
NOTHING WORSE THAN A DRIVE-THRU GUY WITH A WEAK STOMACH.
C'MON! BE A PROFESSIONAL!
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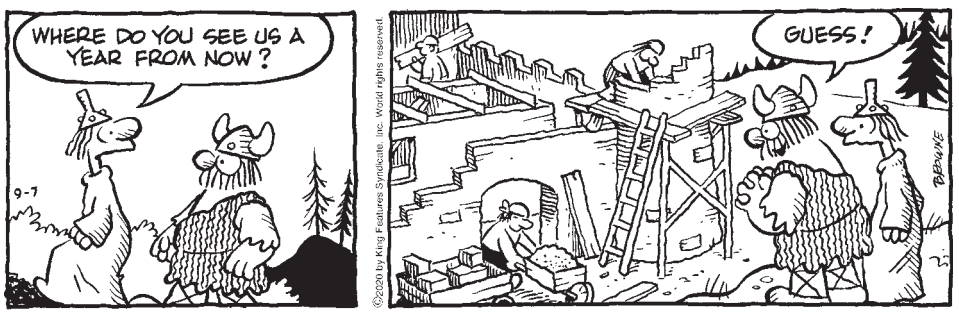
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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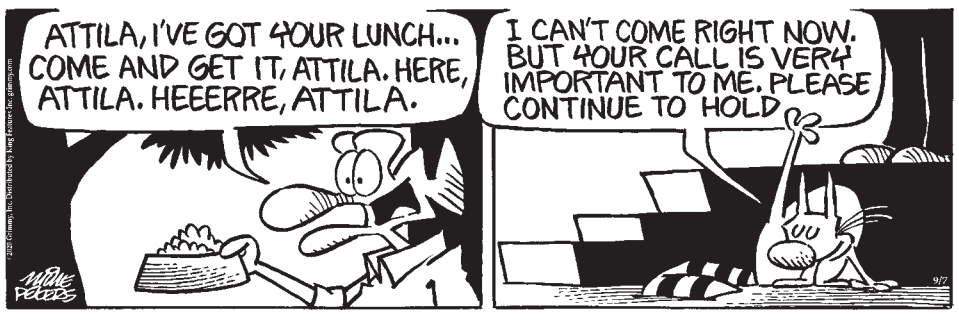
ATTILA, I'VE GOT YOUR LUNCH... COME AND GET IT, ATTILA. HERE, ATTILA. HEEERRE, ATTILA.
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MIKE PETERS
I CAN'T COME RIGHT NOW. BUT YOUR CALL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. PLEASE CONTINUE TO HOLD
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MUTTS

WELL, EARL, VACATION IS OVER! NOW IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO WORK!
BUT MOOCH
TODAY'S A HOLIDAY!
PERFECT TIMING.
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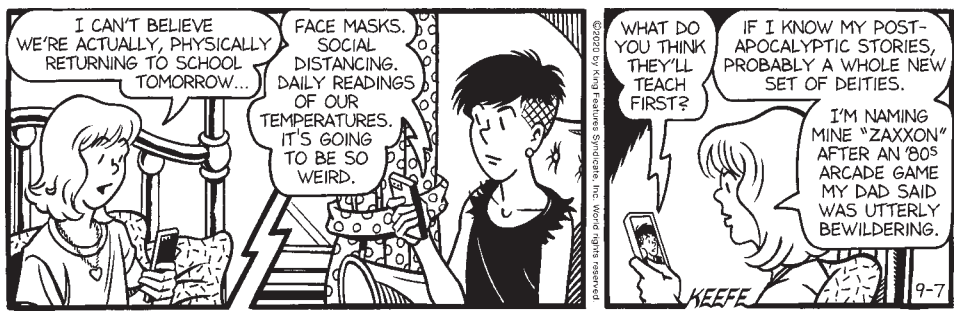
SALLY FORTH


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE ACTUALLY, PHYSICALLY RETURNING TO SCHOOL TOMORROW...
FACE MASKS. SOCIAL DISTANCING. DAILY READINGS OF OUR TEMPERATURES. IT'S GOING TO BE SO WEIRD.
WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY'LL TEACH FIRST?
IF I KNOW MY POST-APOCALYPTIC STORIES, PROBABLY A WHOLE NEW SET OF DEITIES.
I'M NAMING MINE "ZAXXON" AFTER AN '80S ARCADE GAME MY DAD SAID WAS UTTERLY BEWILDERING.
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DON'T MISS

THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

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Because it's your vision.
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BEETLE BAILEY

OKAY, MEN, THIS IS WHERE WE BIVOUAC
MOST PEOPLE CALL IT "CAMPING"
I SEE THE MESS TENT IS READY
MOST PEOPLE CALL IT A "KITCHEN"
AH! HERE'S CHOW! MOST PEOPLE WOULD JUST CALL IT "FOOD"
NO, THEY WOULDN'T
GREG+ MORT WALKER
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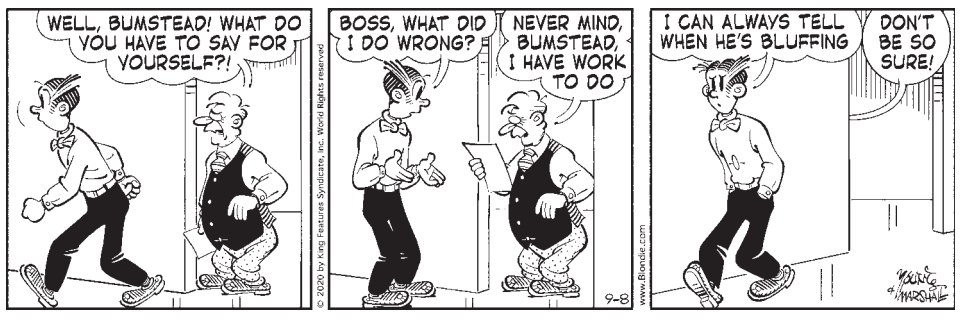
BLONDIE


WELL, BUMSTEAD! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?!
BOSS, WHAT DID I DO WRONG?
NEVER MIND, BUMSTEAD, I HAVE WORK TO DO
I CAN ALWAYS TELL WHEN HE'S BLUFFING
DON'T BE SO SURE!
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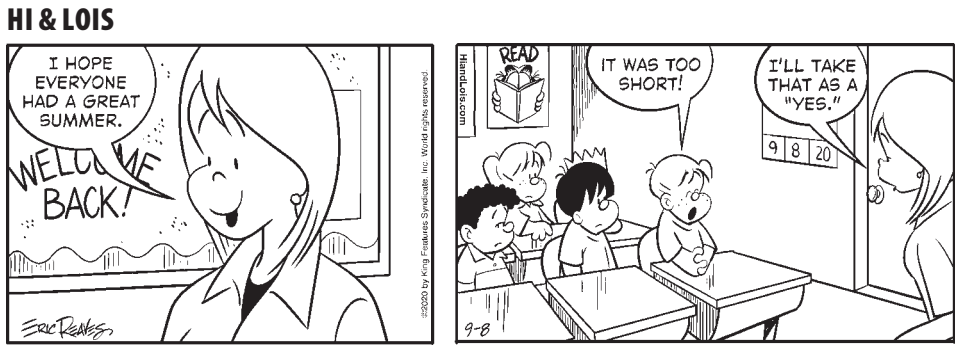
HI & LOIS



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WIZARD OF ID

HEY! I SAID TO FALL BACK AND REGROUP!
YOU DIDN'T SAY HOW FAR WE COULD FALL BACK
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DILBERT

THE ENTIRE MANAGEMENT TEAM HAS CONTRACTED CORONAVIRUS AND IS QUARANTINED.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
THEY ASKED ME TO TELL YOU TO STOP WORKING, BECAUSE WITHOUT THEIR WISDOM, YOU IDIOTS WILL RUIN EVERY-THING.
ANY QUES-TIONS?
NO, I THINK YOU COVERED THE MAIN THEMES.
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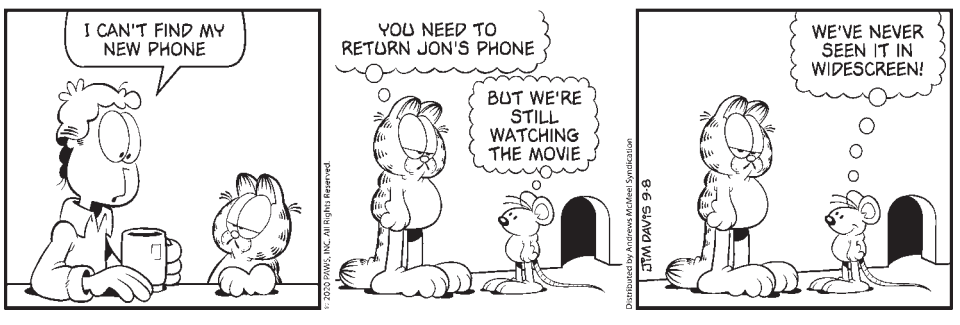
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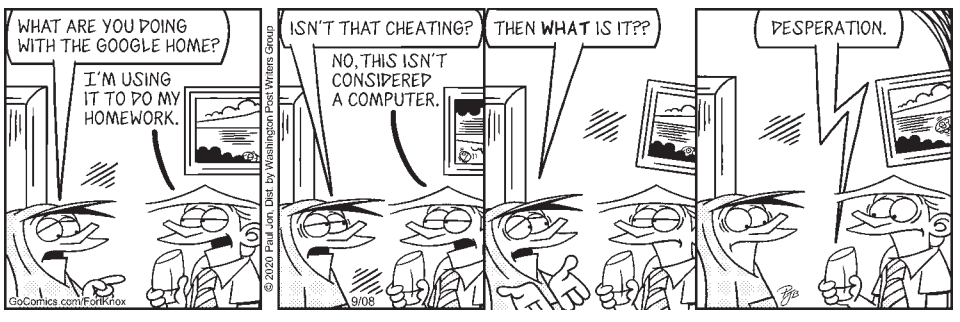
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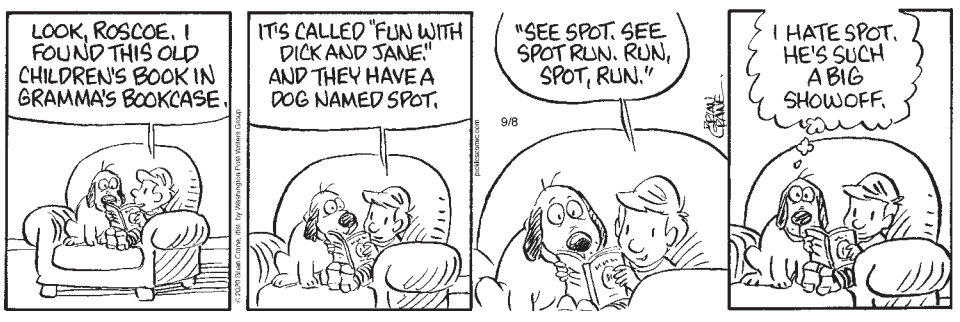
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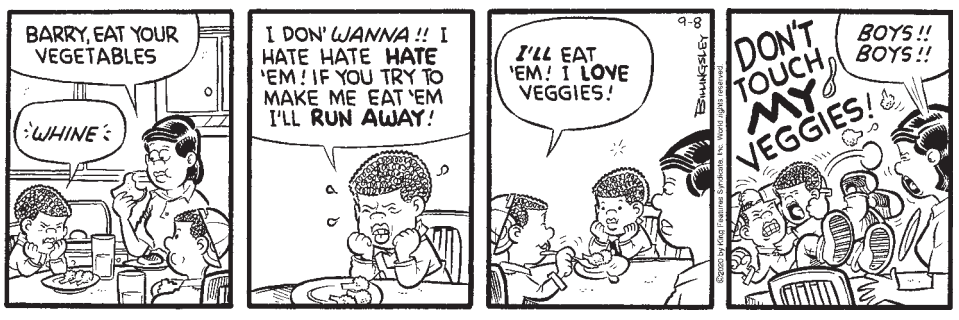
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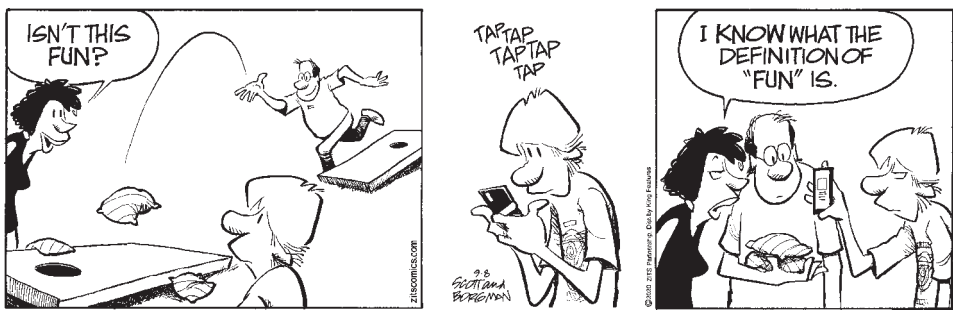

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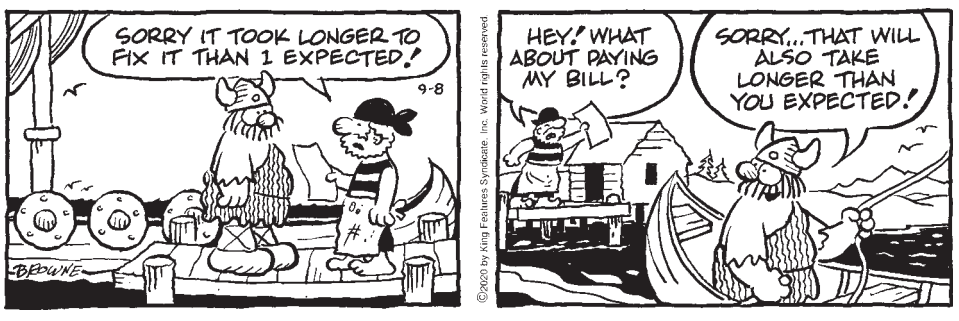
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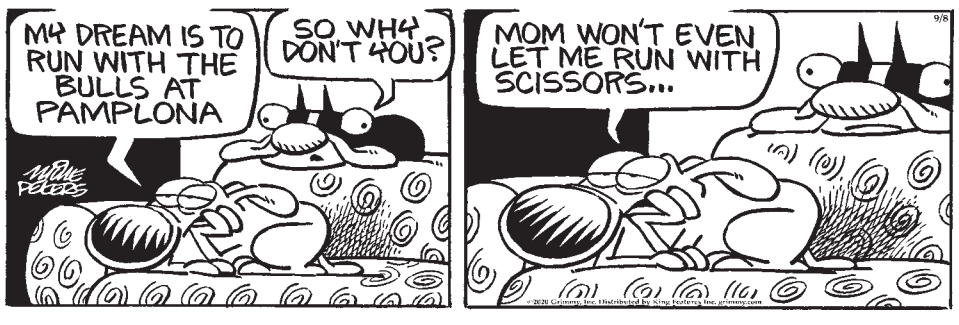
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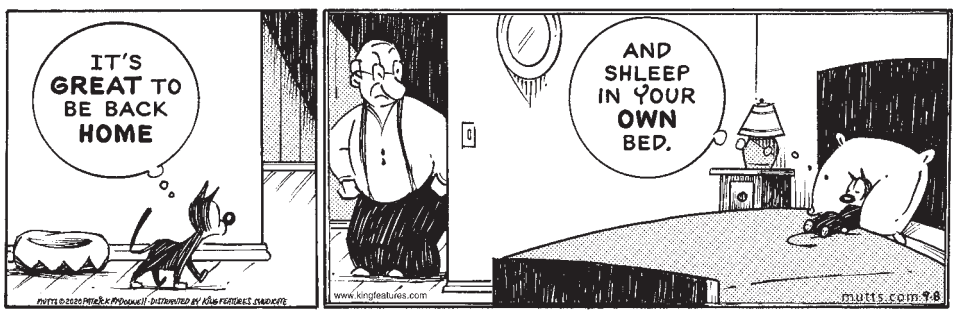

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TRIAL COURT-
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**CASE NO.
2020-0047-NA-M**

**PUBLICATION OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS
TERMINATION
HEARING**

To: Lilketha Pullin

**IN THE MATTER OF:
KING PULLEN
(6/23/2020)**

A hearing regarding termination of parental rights will be conducted by the court on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085 before Judge Mabel Mayfield.

This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights.

You have the right to an attorney. There is no right to a jury at this hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Lilketha Pullin personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GENERAL HELP

Assistant Ice
Arena Manager
The City of St Joseph is seeking an assistant ice arena manager for the John & Dede Howard Ice Arena. This seasonal position will include overseeing use of ice arena, managing seasonal employees, operating ice making machinery and overseeing the general operations of the ice arena. The position is seasonal from mid-October to mid-April. Ability to work varied hours including evenings, weekends and holidays is required. A valid driver's license is required. The rate of pay is $19.00 per hour. To apply, please submit a resume to the City of St Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad St, St Joseph, MI 49085,or lmoore@sjcity.com. A full job description is available at www.sjcity parkrec.com. Resumes will be accepted until Friday, October 2, 2020. Additional questions may be directed to Carrie Ogonowski, Recreation Manager, cogonowski @sjcity.com, 269-985-0326.

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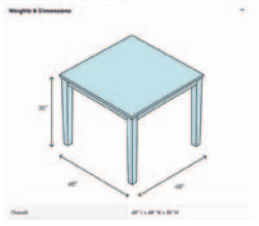

STATE OF INDIANA
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
IN THE ST. JOSEPH PROBATE COURT
CAUSE NO. 71J01-2008-AD-000068

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: Lucian Emery Fowler (97941)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Edward Matthew Ward, who has been named the Father of the child born to Brittney Teresa Fowler on May 30, 2010, is notified that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Office of the of the Clerk of the St. Joseph Probate Court, located at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1000 South Michigan Street, South bend, Indiana 46601.

If Edward Matthew Ward seeks to contest the adoption of Lucian Emery Fowler, he must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with I.C. 31-19-10-1 in the above-named Court, or a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this Notice

If Edward Matthew Ward:

1. Does not file:
a. A motion to contest the adoption; or
b. A Paternity action under I.C. 31-14 within thirty (30) days after service of this Notice; or

2. After filing a paternity action under I.C. 31-14 fails to establish paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity within a reasonable period as determined by the paternity court under I.C. 31-14-21-9 through I.C. 31-14-21-11;

the above named Court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption. His consent will be irrevocably implied and he will lose his right to contest the adoption or the validity of his implied consent to the adoption. He will lose the right to establish his paternity of the child under I.C. 31-14.

Nothing Brittney Teresa Fowler or Sharif Rahmy, or anyone else, says to Edward Matthew Ward relieves Edward Matthew Warn of his obligations under this Notice.

Under Indiana Law, a putative father is a person who is named as or claims that he may be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father. For purposes of this Notice, Edward Matthew Ward, is a putative father under the laws in Indiana regarding adoption.

A person being served with this Notice should consult the Indiana Adoption Statutes.
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Push for change. Embrace the future with optimism, and refuse to let the past hold you back. Explore options that encourage personal growth and enlightenment. There will be no downside to reaching for the stars; don't be afraid to maximize your potential and take big swings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Expand your interests, pick up new skills and keep up with technology. Being able to take advantage of what's available will help you move forward with your long-term plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take care of personal matters. Start a new diet or health routine that will help build strength and encourage you to look and feel your best. Spending time with a loved one will bring you closer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Sign up for online conferences and classes to expand your mind without taking unnecessary health risks. Doing what's right and best for everyone should be your priority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone will give you the wrong impression or lead you to believe something that isn't true. Before you get involved in someone else's plans, do your research.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make your domestic space inviting, comfortable and convenient for you and your loved ones. An enjoyable environment will do wonders for everyone's morale.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Take time to rejuvenate and pamper yourself. The break will be the pick-me-up you need to tackle some of the items you have on your to-do list. Romance should be a priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful how much information you share online or by phone. Keep your personal information secret, as well as your plans. Listen to what others have to say, and absorb the information thoroughly before you comment or get involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Work toward a goal. Avoid friction with colleagues or anyone who can ruin your day or reputation. Strive to be your best mentally, physically and emotionally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't overdo it or take on too much. Keep working toward your goal. Don't take risks that can hurt your relationship with a loved one, lead to injury or damage your health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Speak from the heart, say what's on your mind and do your best to resolve personal problems. Be willing to do your part and offer suggestions that help keep the peace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out to someone who needs your help. Be a good listener and a loyal friend, and you will gain respect, trust and admiration. A partnership looks promising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Charm and diplomacy will be necessary to sidestep an emotional scene. Keep the peace, get your facts straight and avoid letting anyone talk you into something you don't want to do.

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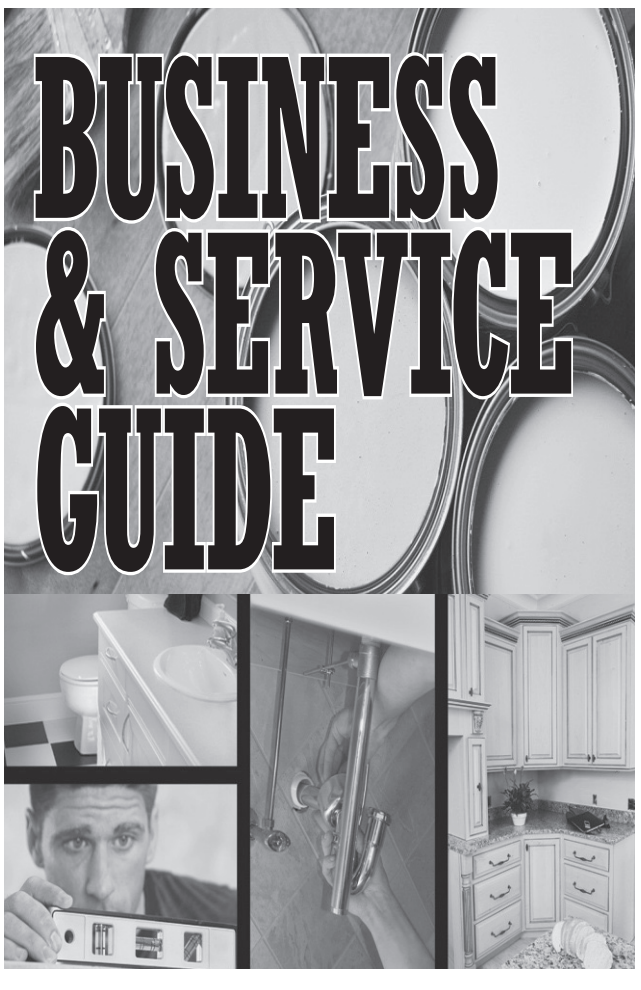

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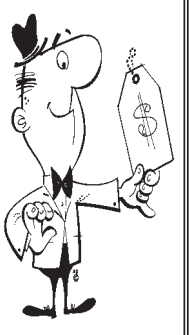

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A volunteer loads a local resident's vehicle at a drive-up produce giveaway organized by a Des Moines food pantry in Des Moines, Iowa, on Aug. 28.

Food banks: USDA program helped but better ways to meet need

By SCOTT McFETRIDGE and JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — As she inched ahead in her rusty Chevy pickup, Brianna Lordz bemoaned that engine problems had prevented her from making it to the last few drive-up produce giveaways organized by a Des Moines food pantry.

But Lordz managed to coax her old truck to a former Sears parking lot, where she waited behind dozens of other vehicles spread across four lanes and lined up at a semi-trailer stocked with 20-pound boxes of cabbage, onions, peppers, carrots and other veggies provided by the federal government. The giveaways are a godsend, she said, at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has caused jobs to dry up and grocery prices to soar.

"This is amazing. This is something the government did, and let's talk about taking care of the people," she said. "Everything about the COVID-19, it's just a bad thing but you can't blame nobody for it."

Across the country, people like Lordz have picked up roughly 75 million food boxes this summer through the program overseen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The effort began in the spring when efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus caused food demand at restaurants and schools to plunge. That left farmers with little choice but to dispose of produce, meat and dairy products even as millions of people desperately turned to help from overwhelmed food banks.

The Farmers to Families Food Box Program was intended to help farmers, distributors and people who had lost their jobs. After a few hiccups, it has largely succeeded. The USDA recently added another $1 billion to the program this fall after already spending roughly $2.5 billion.

Anti-hunger advocates say that while they appreciate the delivery of fresh, high-quality food, many more people could be helped if the federal government would increase spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. Democrats in Congress have been seeking a 15 percent increase in funding for SNAP, the federal government's main anti-hunger program, which lets people buy food at grocery stores and provides an estimated nine meals for each one offered by the nation's food banks.

So far, proposals to increase SNAP have failed, leaving food bank leaders cautioning that there is a limit to how many people they can help. They warn of problems ahead now that a $600 weekly federal jobless payment has expired and many states haven't approved even $300 in extra payments. Across the country, more than 14.5 million people are collecting unemployment benefits, compared to 1.7 million a year ago.

"Everyone sees we're meeting the need and thinks maybe we don't have to come up with these other solutions, the nonprofit sector will take care of it," said Mutt Unger, CEO of the Des Moines Area Religious Council, which operates 14 pantries and mobile operations. "But that's not what we're meant to be. We're not supposed to be here in place of solving problems. We're a stopgap measure."

Feeding America, a Chicago-based network of more than 200 food banks, expects a 10 billion pound gap between demand and supply of food this year, made worse by the decline in unemployment benefits. That's about double the gap the organization saw last year.

"Increasing SNAP benefits is just the most efficient way we can make sure people have the food they need and reduce demand at food banks," said Kate Leone, Feeding America's chief government relations officer. "That kind of intervention is the only way to bend the demand curve down in a meaningful way."

Despite those concerns, officials at food banks said the federal food box program has undoubtedly helped.

Brian Barks, CEO of the Food Bank of the Heartland in Omaha, Nebraska, said at times this summer, his food bank was giving away nearly twice as much food as normal, and the food box program accounted for roughly 20 percent of its supply.

"It's been awesome," Barks said. "The amount we have been receiving has been very, very helpful."

At the FIND Food Bank in the Palm Springs, California, area, the 2 million pounds of food being distributed monthly is roughly double the demand before the coronavirus pandemic struck. Since March, the food bank has distributed a total of 11.8 million pounds of food, and the food box program provided 2.7 million pounds of that, said Debbie Espinosa, president and CEO of the food bank.

"We're very thankful the boxes came when they did because we needed the extra food support," Espinosa said.

The federal food box program initially faced questions because some of the companies that won contracts weren't food distributors and the contracts didn't always cover the final delivery costs that food banks incurred.

Despite coming together quickly, Greg Ibach, the USDA under secretary overseeing the effort, said its contractors "delivered all or above 90 percent of the boxes that they had proposed to deliver."

Although food banks had to absorb the cost of delivering the prepackaged food boxes the program provided, they were able to use money they would have spent buying the produce and other products.

"It was a bit of a scramble to get it going and get it out. But we were definitely very happy to have it, and we made it all work in the end," said Rachelle Mesheau with the Redwood Empire Food Bank in northern California.

The USDA is tweaking the program in the third round of bidding to try to address some of the concerns that have been raised.

"The USDA definitely learned a lot from phase one and phase two, so in phase three they are really tightening up some aspects of it," said Robin Safley with Feeding Florida food banks.

The new contracts will put greater emphasis on accountability and ensuring food boxes are delivered to underserved rural areas. For example, the West Texas Food Bank in Odessa didn't receive any food boxes during the first two rounds of contracts because no distributors nearby won contracts.

OBITUARIES

Dale Maclyn Lewis

Feb. 2, 1931 – Sept. 5, 2020

Dale Maclyn Lewis, 89, of South Haven passed away peacefully on Sept. 5, 2020.

He was born at home in New Era, Mich., to Leonard and Ruth Lewis on Feb. 2, 1931.

He grew up working on the family dairy farm. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1949, where he was an excellent student and athlete. He lettered in football, basketball, baseball and track. He received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State College in 1953.

After graduating from Michigan State, he served his country in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper and tank commander at Fort Bragg and Fort Knox.

He was hired as a FFA teacher by South Haven Public Schools in 1955, where he taught for 43 years, most of those years as a guidance counselor and woodshop teacher. In the summers, he taught drivers education. He was a fixture as the official timer for football and basketball games for decades.

He earned his master's degree in education from Western Michigan University. In 1984, he founded Lewis Mini Storage, and was active in running that business until recent years.

Dale married Olga Pristupa on June 23, 1956. They met at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting while at Michigan State. They were married for 61 years until her passing in 2017. Together they had four sons.

His life's foundation was his faith in Jesus Christ. Dale was a pillar of Hope Reformed Church. He was ordained as a deacon and elder, and chaired the church property committee. He led the completion of the church's parsonage in the 1960s and the completion of the main church building in the '70s. If there was any work that was needed to be done, he would be there with those he drafted into service.

Community service was a very important part of his life. He served as chairman of the City of South Haven Zoning Board of Appeals for many years before being elected to the City Council. He was elected and served as mayor from 2002-06, where he was instrumental in many initiatives that improved the community.

He was active in Kiwanis and Rotary Club and was on the Berrien Teachers Credit Union Board of Directors, now Honor Credit Union. He was well known as an expert in parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order.

Much of his spare time was spent with woodworking, handyman projects and building in general. There are untold numbers of homes in South Haven that benefited from his handiwork, including the homes he helped build with Habitat for Humanity.

He loved golf and was a longtime member of South Haven Country Club. After retiring from teaching, he was a volunteer rules official for the Golf Association of Michigan and served on their Board of Governors.

He was preceded in passing by his parents; his brothers, Lowell Lewis and Douglas Lewis; his sister, Betty Weber; and his beloved wife, Olga.

He is survived by his four sons, Dennis Lewis of South Haven, Jeffery (Lita) Lewis of South Haven, Bryan (Carol) Lewis of South Haven, and Kenneth (Nichole) Lewis of Grandville; seven grandchildren, Jaime (Steve) Hatfield, Samantha Ruth Lewis, Benjamin (Marguerite) Lewis, Timothy (Anna) Lewis, Andrew (Caitlin) Lewis, Katelyn Lewis and Cameron Lewis; and two great-grandchildren, JD and Helaina Rose.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Hope Reformed Church with Pastor Steve Smallegan officiating.

Dale will be laid to rest at Lakeview Cemetery in South Haven. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Dale Lewis Memorial Fund at Hope Reformed Church or Habitat for Humanity of Van Buren County.

Thoughts and memories can be shared on the family's online guestbook at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven.

Death notices

E. Russell "Russ" Bruce, 78, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 5, 2020, at home. Heritage Chapel, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Harry Clark, 78, of Niles died Sept. 5, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Arleen S. Lantz, 80, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 5, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Dale Maclyn Lewis, 89, of South Haven died Sept. 5, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Ronda R. Pipkins, 58, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 3, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Floris L. Schug, 89, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 3, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Sharon J. Tescallo, 79, of Stevensville, passed away, Friday, Sept. 4, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Charles Williams, 78, of Niles died Sept. 6, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Arleen S. Lantz

Dec. 21, 1939 – Sept. 5, 2020

Arleen S. Lantz, 80, of Berrien Springs went to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman.

A celebration of life eternal will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at First Church of God, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with the Rev. Bill Shepard officiating. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service beginning at noon Thursday at the Church.

Memorial donations in Arleen's name may be made to First Church of God Endowment Fund or Warner Memorial Camp in Grand Junction, Mich. Those wishing to sign Arleen's Memory Book online or view her Celebration of Life Service may do so at www.heritage-chapel.com. The service recording will be available beginning Friday. Social distancing and masks will be required.

Arleen was born Dec. 21, 1939, in Elkhart, Ind., to Ralph and Lucille (Yeager) McCloughan. She graduated from Elkhart High School, Class of 1958. On Jan. 24, 1960, she married Dean Lantz in Elkhart.

Arleen devoted her life to caring for her family as a homemaker. In addition, she was a member of First Church of God where she served as a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) leader for 15 years and was a life member of the Women of the Church of God. She also volunteered at Mercy and Lakeland Hospitals for 40 years, serving as the Lakeland Auxiliary President in 1990. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arleen is survived by her husband, Dean; four children: Deborah (James) Clark of Berrien Springs, Rebecca (Joe) Haight of Nashville, Daniel (Patricia) Lantz of Columbus, Ohio, David (Heather) Lantz of Leo, Ind.; 12 grandchildren: Aaron (Wendi) Lantz, Ansley (Merrick) Stewart, Kelsey and Kara Reinhardt, Ryan (Savanna) Clark and Brandon (Becky) Clark, Destin, Isaac and Andrew Haight, Payton (Logan) Hauer, Garrett, Owen, Taz and Addalyn Lantz; three great-grandchildren: Olivia Lantz, Chloe Clark and Haygen Stewart; two sisters: Carolyn Combs of Bargersville, Ind., Betty (James) Manning of Bryan, Ohio, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Edna Joanne McCloughan; and a brother-in-law, Richard Combs.

'Mighty mice' stay musclebound in space

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Bulked-up, mutant "mighty mice" held onto their muscle during a month-long stay at the International Space Station, returning to Earth with ripped bodybuilder physiques, scientists reported Monday.

The findings hold promise for preventing muscle and bone loss in astronauts on prolonged space trips like Mars missions, as well as people on Earth who are confined to bed or need wheelchairs.

A research team led by Dr. Se-Jin Lee of the Jackson Laboratory in Connecticut sent 40 young female black mice to the space station in December, launching aboard a SpaceX rocket.

In a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Lee said the 24 regular untreated mice lost considerable muscle and bone mass in weightlessness as expected – up to 18 percent.

But the eight genetically engineered "mighty mice" launched with double the muscle maintained their bulk. Their muscles appeared to be comparable to similar "mighty mice" that stayed behind at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

In addition, eight normal mice that received "mighty mouse" treatment in space returned to Earth with dramatically bigger muscles. The treatment involves blocking a pair of proteins that typically limit muscle mass.

A SpaceX capsule brought all 40 mice back in good condition, parachuting into the Pacific off the California coast in January. Some of the ordinary mice were injected with the "mighty mice" drug after returning and quickly built up more muscle than their untreated companions, Lee said.

The scientists completed the experiment just as the coronavirus was hitting the U.S.

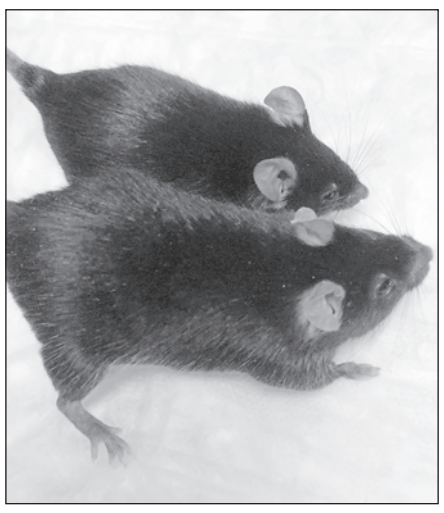
"The only silver lining of COVID is that we had time to write it up very intensively" and submit the results for publication, said Dr. Emily Germain-Lee of Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Lee's wife who also took part in the study. Both are affiliated with the University of Connecticut.

While encouraged by their findings, the couple said much more work needs to be done before testing the drug on people to build up muscle and bone, without serious side effects.

"We're years away. But that's how everything is when you go from mouse to human studies," Germain-Lee said.

Lee said the experiment pointed out other molecules and signaling pathways worth investigating – "an embarrassment of riches ... so many things we'd like to pursue." His next step: possibly sending more "mighty mice" to the space station for an even longer stay.

Three NASA astronauts looked after the space mice, performing body scans and injections: Christina Koch and Jessica Meir, who performed the first all-female spacewalk last fall, and Andrew Morgan. They are listed as co-authors.



A normal mouse and a "twice-muscled" mouse developed at the Jackson Laboratory of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine in Farmington, Conn. Findings show that muscle-bound mice held on to their physiques during a one month space mission.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Former Astronaut Capt. James Lovell will address The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center on Monday, announced Michael Cook, club president. Audiences who watched the movie "Apollo 13" with breathless suspense were struck by the astronaut's greatest attributes – technological skill and personal courage – during that perilous flight. Lovell's space career began in 1962 following extensive experience as a naval aviator and test pilot.

1985 – 35 years ago

Riders and sponsors are needed for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital bike-a-thon in Hartford, according to an announcement from John and Laura Busch, co-chairmen of the local ride. The bike-a-thon is scheduled for Sept. 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Sponsors pledge money for each mile ridden by the bikers, according to the announcement. Sponsor forms are available from area grocery stores and schools. St. Jude is in Memphis.

1970 – 50 years ago

Fernwood Nature Center on Range Line Road, south of Berrien Springs, will host a three-week class in rocks and minerals, beginning Sept. 12. The class will meet for three Saturdays, and will be led by Michael Wolford, a researcher at the Ann Arbor Biological Center. It is open to all adults and students. The instructor is a graduate of Western Michigan University, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Wolford of Niles.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 8, the 252nd day of 2020. There are 114 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 8, 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.

On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1761, Britain's King George III married Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz a few hours after meeting her for the first time.

In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion." It went: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, a Louisiana Democrat, was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)

In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T-storms Likely	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Chance T-storms
68°	57°	70° / 56°	67° / 53°	71° / 55°	75° / 60°

Local Outlook

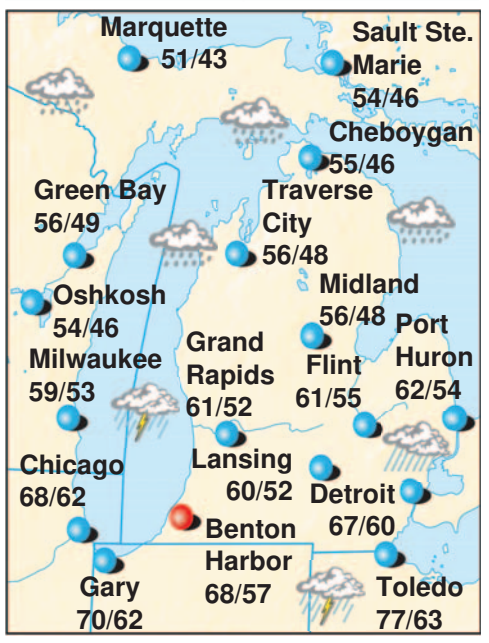
Today we will see cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 68°, humidity of 81%. East northeast wind 9 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 57°. Northeast wind 6 to 10 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:19 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:06 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 11:24 p.m.
Moonset ..... 1:23 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
9/10	9/17	9/23	10/1

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	76°
Low	59°
Normal High	77°
Normal Low	56°
Record High	92° in 2016
Record Low	48° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.63"
Normal for month	0.93"
Year to date	26.45"
Normal Year to date	26.47"

Air Quality

Yesterday 52
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

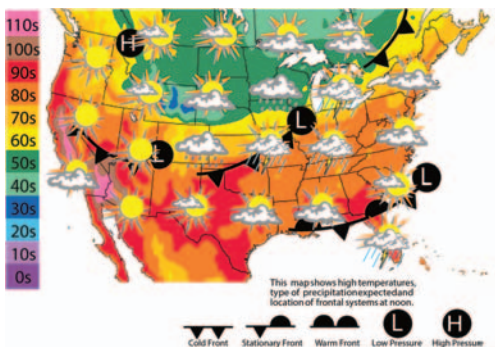
Weather Trivia

Can a person survive a lightning strike?

Answer: Yes. In fact, most lightning victims do survive.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 8, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ENE wind 11 to 14 kt. Showers and thunderstorms. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 72 degrees. Tonight, ENE wind 10 to 13 kt. Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 50s. North northeast wind 3 to 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread showers, highs in the 50s. Northeast wind 9 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s. East northeast wind 9 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s.

California fire sparked by device to reveal baby's gender

By FRANK BAKER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A couple's plan to reveal their baby's gender went up not in blue or pink smoke but in flames when the device they used sparked a wildfire that burned thousands of acres and forced people to flee from a city east of Los Angeles.

The fire prompted evacuations in parts of Yucaipa, a city of 54,000, and the surrounding area. Water-dropping helicopters were brought in but the fire has proven stubborn – it grew to 11.5 square miles by Monday morning and more than 500 firefighters on the scene only had minimal containment. No homes have burned and no injuries reported.

It's the latest in what has become a lengthy list of tragedies at events where typically smoke, confetti, balloons or other colored objects are used to reveal the soon-to-be-born child's biological sex – pink for girls and blue for boys. Sometimes the made-for-social-media gatherings are spectacles and include explosives and even guns, and at least one had deadly consequences.

The fire started Saturday morning at El Ranch Dorado Park, a rugged natural area popular with hikers and dog owners. In summer the park's tall natural grasses dry out and turn golden, and when combined with the San Bernardino Mountains in the distance, provide a popular backdrop for family photos and videos.

Wildfires have burned more than 2 million acres in California this year, setting a state record even as crews battled dozens of growing blazes Monday in sweltering temperatures.

The unidentified couple chose the location to reveal their baby's gender. They were accompanied by their young children and had a friend or relative videoing on a cell phone, said Capt. Bennet Milloy of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Virus still throwing theme park attendance for a loop

By JOHN SEEWER
Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — Theme park operators who spent months installing hand sanitizing stations, figuring out how to disinfect roller coasters seats and checking the temperatures of guests at their gates so they'd come back in the midst of the pandemic are finding many reluctant to return.

Some parks have reduced operating days, slashed ticket prices, and closed early for the year because of lower-than-hoped attendance – expectations weren't high to begin with – along with the uncertainty of what's to come with the coronavirus. A few parks have been unable to open their gates at all because of state and local health restrictions.

Disney this week will begin cutting an hour or two out of each day at its four Florida theme parks. It already called off its annual after-hours Halloween party at the Magic Kingdom. Neighboring Universal Orlando also nixed its Halloween Horror Nights.

Amusement parks across the South that had their seasons delayed by virus outbreaks in the spring deal with a second punch with the summer flareups across the Sun Belt. Some, including Kings Dominion in Virginia and Carowinds in North Carolina, never opened and won't this year.

Cedar Fair Entertainment, which operates those two, has reopened just half of its 13 amusement parks and water parks across North America.

The company, based in Ohio, expected attendance to stay at no more than 25 percent of normal levels through the rest of the year at its parks that are operating, CEO Richard Zimmerman said in early August. Despite the lower numbers, those parks are still able to make a profit, the company said.

Cedar Point, the company's flagship park in Sandusky, Ohio, scaled back to weekends only in mid-August and did away with online admission reservations to manage the daily crowds.

CAMPAIGN

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59th state House

With Republican State Rep. Aaron Miller term limited, Democrat Amy East and Republican Steve Carra are running for his seat.

East raised $3,154 during this reporting period.

Her biggest contributions were $500 from Lawrence Higgins and $300 from Peter Bennett.

So far this campaign cycle, she's raised $14,517.

During this reporting period, she spent $1,372. Her biggest expenditures were for campaign management and voter access list fee.

She had $4,617 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

Carra raised $8,342 during this reporting period.

His biggest contributions were $5,000 from the Wentworth Majority Fund and $1,000 from Matthew Moroun.

So far this campaign cycle, he's raised $32,538.

He spent $16,202 during this reporting period. His biggest expenditures were for mailers and voter data.

He had $5,049 on hand at the end of the reporting period.

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HOBBY

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events that require microphones or speakers. I'm just one of the volunteers who help do it.

Recently, I was approached about joining the board. As technology advanced, we approached the fairgrounds about adding WiFi and made a proposal to the board.

It wasn't nearly the coverage we needed, but it was a start. We had no infrastructure and added some fiber optic cable from one end of the fairgrounds to the other.

How did you first get involved with the fair?

I knew some people that volunteered there and they asked if I would like to help. That evolved to where we are now. It's a cool group of people who run the fair. It takes a lot of people to do all that stuff.

What are you looking forward to the most for next year's fair?

Seeing all the people and having things be back to what we'll call normal. We're out there about a week before the fair starts, just getting everything set up. This year, we had all the animal shows.

It was just so stupidly quiet. It was eerie seeing how quiet it was with no kids screaming or laughing. You normally see all this energy, from the animals to the craft barns.

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